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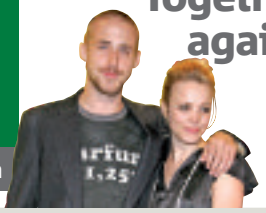

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Free man **Crown drops charges**

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Alan Smith, centre, leaves court with his sister Mary Dumoulin, left, and lawyer Thomas Balka yesterday at the Oshawa Ontario Court of Justice. The Crown dropped second-degree murder charges against Smith. Story, page 2.

Record fines for tobacco giants

Ontario to share in $1.15-billion settlement

Two of Canada's tobacco giants have agreed to pay the largest fines in Canadian history as part of a $1.15-billion settlement after pleading guilty to failing to pay taxes on cigarettes that were used in a contraband scheme.

Imperial Tobacco will pay a $200-million fine and Rothmans, Benson & Hedges will pay $100 million. The figures are double what police said they failed to pay in excise taxes. Under civil settlements with Ottawa and the provinces Imperial will also pay $400 million, while Rothmans will pay $450 million.

The infractions date back to the early 1990s, a time when smokers were paying $50 for a carton of 200 cigarettes and tobacco producers were in a pitched battle to retain market share and hang on to thrifty customers.

Cigarettes shipped to U.S.

• An eight-year RCMP investigation showed Imperial Tobacco and Rothmans, Benson & Hedges were shipping cases of cigarettes to the United States in the knowledge they would be purchased by people intent on smuggling them back into Canada to sell at between $20 and $30 per carton, according to police and an agreed statement of facts filed with the Ontario Court of Justice.

A third firm, JTI-Macdonald, did not sign a settlement agreement, though the Crown laid similar charges in 2003. The main difference is the charges were laid against individual executives of the company. Police would not discuss the specifics of the case against JTI because it is before the courts.

Rothmans had the added incentive of settling the charges because it was a condition of an agreement to have New York-based tobacco firm Philip Morris International purchase the 60 per cent of Rothmans shares that it did not already own at a price of $30-a-share.

The agreement was announced yesterday.

RCMP Assistant Commissioner Mike Cabana said the settlements and guilty pleas demonstrate that "no company is above the law."

The settlement money will be split primarily between Ottawa, Quebec and Ontario, the three jurisdictions hit hardest by the lost tax revenue. The federal government will collect $574.9 million while Quebec will get $210.5 million and Ontario will see $156.9 million.

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Raids net $5M worth of drugs

With the completion of a second major drug bust in as many months, police are closing the spigot on a pipeline pouring illegal drugs into the GTA and millions of dollars into drug dealers' hands.

In a series of pre-dawn raids yesterday, about 200 GTA officers executed 50 warrants in homes, storage lockers and vehicles in Toronto and elsewhere in southern Ontario, arresting 31 people and netting more than $5 million worth of drugs.

Last Sunday in Etobicoke, detectives also intercepted a transport truck ferrying 20 kilograms of cocaine from Vancouver to Toronto.

Since January, officers have discovered several similar shipments en route to the GTA from Montreal.

"If it is the drug of choice it's not available in Toronto," Drug Squad Staff-Insp. John Tanouye said. "It's not available like it has been in the past."

Yesterday, Project Cabra officers took custody of three pricey condominiums units in Toronto, 18 luxury cars, including a Range Rover, and $400,000 cash.

"It was all $100 bills, more than I'd ever seen," said Proceeds of Crime Det.-Sgt. David Vickers. "It was quite a lucrative business."

Those arrested range in age from 20 to 56 and at least 26 of the 31 suspects collectively face more than 100 criminal charges.

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Supply

• The steadily increasing price of street drugs is due to the decline in supply of some substances, police said, noting a kilo of cocaine sold for $27,000 on the street last year. Today, it would fetch more than $40,000.

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Det.-Sgt. John Decourcey addresses the media at 23 Division yesterday about a recent drug bust in which large amounts of drugs were seized.

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Toronto Hydro reducing charges
Starting today, Toronto Hydro will reduce the amount it charges to bring electricity to homes and businesses by 5.1 per cent. It means a household consuming 1,000 kilowatt-hours of electricity each month will see an average drop of $5.90 on its bill, or $70.80 a year. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Local

Highway 427 warning

Provincial police are warning motorists to be careful when pulling over on Highway 427. Sgt. Cam Woolley says someone has been stealing the catch basin covers along the sides of the highway in both directions. He says the missing covers could damage vehicles, or if hit at a high rate of speed, cause a fatal collision. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Channel surfing

Columnist Rick McGinnis keeps you up-to-date in the world of television with IntelleVision.

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What's online today.

Watch a report on bus safety in the wake of Wednesday's chilling incident in Manitoba
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Search for jobs using Metro's Workopolis search
Play online Jumble Jong!

Body pulled from Lake Ontario

MISSING Police recovered a body from Lake Ontario yesterday near where they had been searching for a missing Toronto man earlier this week.

Police confirmed that a man's body was found around 8:20 a.m. at Queen's Quay between York Street and Lower Simcoe Street. The identity of the man was not released.

Earlier this week, police had searched the lake near the shore for Wychwood Park resident Albert Fulton, 70, who has been missing since July 17. His car was found on Queen's Quay West four days later.

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Get ready to scramble

New intersection coming

In a month, the new scramble intersection at Yonge and Dundas streets should be open for business.

The scramble pattern, used around the world but a first for Toronto, stops traffic in all directions at once so pedestrians can cross any way they wish, including diagonally.

In the next sequence, pedestrians are stopped so vehicles can move without interference from foot traffic in the crosswalks.

Crews have already added pedestrian signals that face people crossing diagonally; curbs have been lowered to accommodate wheelchairs and strollers; and the next step is to paint the white lines showing pedestrians the way across.

City council OK'd the experiment at four intersections last October. But it won't begin at the other three — Bay and Dundas streets, Bloor and Yonge streets, and Bloor and Bay streets — until sometime next year. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Green lights

- The main disadvantage is motorists must wait longer for a green light — an average of 40 seconds at Yonge-Dundas, up from about 35 seconds now, said Bruce Zvaniga, manager of urban traffic controls.

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Farmer Michael Schmidt talks to supporters in front of his converted blue school bus yesterday outside court in Newmarket after a judge put over his case until September.

Trial for raw milk farmer

Dairy farmer Michael Schmidt will be back in a Newmarket court in September to fight contempt of court charges for allegedly distributing unpasteurized milk in the Region of York.

The motion for contempt filed by the region was scheduled to be heard yesterday, but Superior Court Justice Michael Brown ruled the matter was too serious to proceed without a trial.

The case has been adjourned until Sept. 10 for a three-day trial to allow the court to hear from witnesses.

The region filed the contempt charge against Schmidt for failing to obey orders to stop distributing raw milk within its borders.

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Pros and cons

- Selling raw milk is illegal in Canada. Health officials warn unpasteurized milk can contain dangerous pathogens, such as salmonella and E. coli. But proponents of raw milk, who claim it provides health benefits and aids digestion, say they have the right to consume whatever food they want.

Coldplay **Much adoration**

MUCH MUSIC PHOTO

Coldplay front man Chris Martin signs autographs for fans outside the Much Music building yesterday. Coldplay visited the MuchOnDemand environment prior to the band's show at the Air Canada Centre last night.

Crown withdraws murder charge

The oldest cold case in Durham Region remains unsolved today following the dramatic release of the chief suspect in Oshawa court.

Alan Smith, whose arrest in March for the 1974 murder of 22-year-old Beverly Smith stunned the Oshawa-area hamlet of Raglan, walked out of court a free man after the Crown dropped all charges.

"Number one: I did not murder Beverly Smith. This has been a terrible ordeal for myself and my family." Alan Smith

In a further twist, his ex-wife has been charged with obstructing justice in the case.

Smith, no relation to the victim, lived next door to the young mother at the time of the shooting.

In a blow to Durham police, Crown prosecutor Telena Mulligan told court yesterday the second-degree murder charge laid against Smith in March has been withdrawn. "There is no reasonable prospect of conviction and the police investigation is continuing."

Flanked by his younger sister and lawyer Tom Balka, Smith declined to answer questions, but read from a prepared statement.

"Number one: I did not murder Beverly Smith," he said, speaking with an unsteady voice. "This has been a terrible ordeal for myself and my family. I want to thank my family for all their support under very stressful conditions. I am very glad this has come to an end."

Detectives have never revealed what led to Smith's arrest. At the time, police spokesperson David Selby chalked it up to "old-fashioned, dogged detective work." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

News in brief

HIGH PARK The main section of the adventure playground in High Park has reopened after a large oak tree came crashing down earlier this week. The 20-metre-high tree struck the playground Tuesday afternoon, injuring a woman and a 10-year-old child.

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Court

Cops left with 2,500 bicycles

HEARING A week-long public perusal of row upon row of stolen bicycles came to an end yesterday as the man accused of masterminding the thefts made an appearance in court and police were left wondering what to do with more than 2,500 orphaned bikes.

Igor Kenk

Yesterday was the last day for victims to examine the bicycle bounty recovered following the arrest of Igor Kenk, the bike-shop owner charged in the thefts. Twelve separate police raids on various locations uncovered some 3,000 bikes, but only 400 have been claimed.

Kenk, 49, appeared in court yesterday for the second day of an ongoing bail hearing. A publication ban has been placed on the evidence heard during his trial. Kenk faces myriad theft and drug charges, the latter 21 counts coming after police allegedly discovered quantities of marijuana, crack cocaine and cocaine powder at the home he shares with his wife, concert pianist Jeanie Chung. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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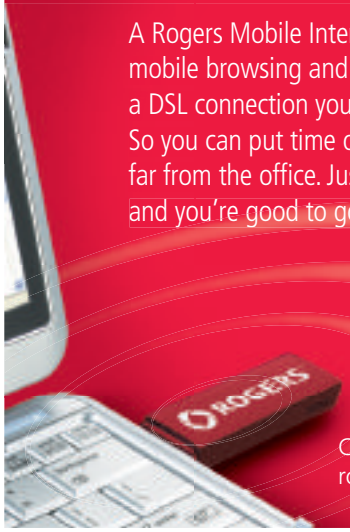

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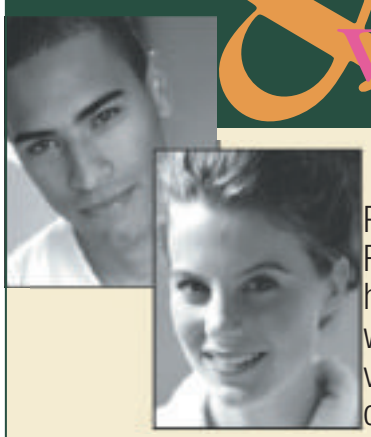

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Canada

Horror on bus

Man inexplicably decapitates passenger

Manitoba RCMP had no answers yesterday as to what prompted a man on a Greyhound bus to stand up and repeatedly stab his seatmate, behead him and carve up his body in front of horrified passengers.

Police would only say that a victim was stabbed on the bus that had left Edmonton for Winnipeg, but passengers described a gruesome, unprovoked attack that left them shaken.

"We heard this blood-curdling scream and turned around, and the guy was standing up, stabbing this guy repeatedly, like 40 or 50 times," Garnet Caton said from a hotel in Brandon, Man., where he and other passengers were taken to rest.

"There was no rage or anything. He was like a robot, stabbing the guy."

The man, described as a 40-year-old from outside the province, eventually tried to flee by breaking a bus window and jumping out, Staff Sgt. Steve Colwell said, but was immediately subdued.

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News in brief

TEXT MESSAGES Industry Minister Jim Prentice has stopped just short of threatening cellular companies over plans to charge for every incoming text message. He said Ottawa has no immediate intention of intervening in plans by Bell Canada and Telus to start charging 15 cents.

ENVIRONMENT Many biologists who are studying the potential impacts of climate change on different species and the environment could be coming to faulty conclusions unless they widen the scope of their research, a new Canadian study suggests.

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B.C. Rock slide

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Construction workers remove a piece of railing yesterday at the site of a massive rock slide blocking the Sea-to-Sky highway near Porteau Cove, B.C. The only direct route between Vancouver and Whistler is expected to be closed for several days.

News in brief

ATTACK Just hours before he was savagely attacked by a pack of thugs in Owen Sound Wednesday night, a Toronto man had complained to police that he was being harassed and accused of being a rapist. The man was attacked by as many as six youths and young men who stabbed him twice in the chest, once in the back.

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World

Senator pleads not guilty

Alaska Senator Ted Stevens, the U.S. Senate's longest-serving Republican, pleaded not guilty to corruption charges yesterday and received an unusually speedy trial date of Sept. 24, which he hopes will clear his name before voters consider re-electing him in November. Stevens, 84, also asked that the trial be moved from Washington to Alaska. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Netanyahu pushes poll

Election would stall peace talks

Hard-line opposition leader Benjamin Netanyahu called yesterday for national elections in the wake of Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert's decision to step down in September under a cloud of corruption charges.

While Olmert's Kadima party hoped to settle the leadership crisis internally in a matter of weeks, Netanyahu's demand raised the prospect of a months-long campaign that would stall peace talks with the Palestinians.

Facing multiple corruption probes, Olmert announced Wednesday that he will resign once his party picks a new leader in September.

Netanyahu, a former prime minister known for his harsh criticism of concessions to Arabs in peace negotiations, prefers a general election that he believes he would win. He leads in opinion polls.

> **"This is a government that has come to the end of its road."**
> Opposition leader Benjamin Netanyahu

"This is a government that has come to the end of its road," Netanyahu told Israel Radio. "The right thing to do when the prime minister goes is ... to let the people choose who will lead them." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Karadzic Appears at UN war crimes court

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Former Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic speaks during his appearance for first time at the UN war crimes court at the Hague yesterday to face genocide charges. He claimed his arrest in Belgrade was an illegal kidnapping and refused to enter pleas to the 11 charges against him, including genocide and crimes against humanity.

Obama accused of playing race card

U.S. CAMPAIGN Barack Obama and John McCain traded political jabs yesterday, with McCain contending that he had been wrongly accused of planning a racial attack and Obama countering that his opponent was inventing a controversy to avoid talking about the issues.

After months of contending that their campaigns would eschew personal attacks as part of a new kind of politics, the presumptive presidential nominees of the major parties turned nasty over what Obama meant when he said McCain and other Republicans would try to scare voters by pointing out that the Democratic candidate "doesn't look like all those other presidents on the dollar bills."

On Wednesday, Obama told a gymnasium full of people in Springfield, Mo., that McCain and U.S. President George W. Bush will resort to scare tactics to maintain their hold on the White House because they have little else to offer voters. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

News in brief

THAILAND The wife of ousted Thai prime minister Thaksin Shinawatra — once one of the richest and most powerful in Thailand — was found guilty yesterday of evading millions of dollars in taxes and sentenced to three years in prison.

GERMANY Zoo officials in Hamburg say their 10-year-old orangutan drowned after falling into a moat while trying to grab bread thrown in by a visitor even though zookeepers got to her quickly. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Massachusetts repeals 1913 law

MARRIAGE Gay and lesbian couples from outside Massachusetts are now free to marry in the state.

Gov. Deval Patrick signed a bill yesterday repealing a 1913 law that barred couples from marrying in Massachusetts if their union would not be valid in their own states.

Gay couples will be able to marry immediately if a court waives the state's standard three-day waiting period for them.

Patrick supported repeal of the law, which he said had its roots in racism. It was first passed 95 years ago. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Bush suggests U.S. troops cuts in Iraq

PROGRESS U.S. President George W. Bush declared progress in the Iraq war yesterday, saying terrorists "are on the run" and a generally improved security environment should permit further U.S. troop reductions.

Standing on the Colonnade outside the Oval Office of the White House, Bush also announced that effective yesterday, the duration of troop tours in Iraq will be cut from 15 months to 12 months.

Bush said this reduction "will relieve the burden on our forces and it will make life easier for our wonderful military families."

The president's updated report on Iraq came with the war in its sixth year and violence on the ground substantially decreased in recent weeks and as the conflict remains a key issue in the presidential campaign.

"We are now in our third consecutive month with reduced violence levels holding steady," Bush said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Blast injures two in Afghanistan

BOMB An explosives-rigged bicycle detonated outside the Pakistani Consulate in the city of Herat in western Afghanistan yesterday, wounding a policeman and a woman standing at the gates of the building, officials said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Economic weakness persists
Canada's economy continues to seesaw between moderate growth and contraction as real gross domestic product shrank by 0.1 per cent in May. The setback, although small, was a surprise following April's 0.4 per cent pickup. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Exxon Mobil profit sets U.S. record

ENERGY Exxon Mobil Corp. reported second-quarter earnings of $11.68 billion US yesterday, the biggest profit from operations by any U.S. corporation, but the results were well short of Wall Street expectations and its shares fell.

Exxon, which owns Canada's largest oil company, Imperial Oil Ltd. of Calgary, said net income for the April-June period came to $2.22 a share, up from $10.26 billion, or $1.83 a share, a year ago.

Revenue rose 40 per cent to $138.1 billion from $98.4 billion in the year-earlier quarter.

Analysts on average expected Exxon Mobil to earn $2.52 a share on revenue of $144 billion.

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Cable comes of age

Cable companies have emerged as major competitors in providing local and mobile telephone service and high-speed Internet to residential customers, says a report by the broadcast regulator.

"The convergence of technologies and industries has dramatically reshaped the communications landscape."
Konrad von Finckenstein

In 2007, cable companies captured 17.9 per cent of residential phone lines, the CRTC said. In the cellphone market, cable companies and other alternative service providers held a 40 per cent share last year.

"Finally, cable companies provided high-speed Internet services to 55 per cent of subscribers (in 2007)," the CRTC said.

"The convergence of technologies and industries has dramatically reshaped the communications landscape in recent years," said CRTC chairman Konrad von Finckenstein. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Torstar Q2 profit rises 24 per cent

MEDIA Torstar Corp., owner of the Toronto Star, reported second-quarter net income of $37 million, up 24 per cent from last year, as revenue edged up 0.6 per cent to $399.5 million.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Shell amasses best-ever profit

OIL Royal Dutch Shell yesterday reported second-quarter net profits rose 33 per cent from a year ago to a company record $11.6 billion US thanks to high oil prices and the weak dollar. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Oil falls on dour economic data

CUTBACKS Oil prices ended lower yesterday, pulling back from the previous day's rally, as disappointing data on the U.S. economy signalled further cutbacks in energy demand.

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Bowman joins Blackhawks front office staff

Hall of Fame coach Scotty Bowman is joining the Chicago Blackhawks as a senior adviser for hockey operations. A special consultant with the Detroit Red Wings since retiring from coaching following the 2002 season, Bowman signed a three-year deal with Chicago. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sports

Ramirez headed to the Dodgers

The Red Sox finally parted ways with their disgruntled slugger Manny Ramirez, left, sending him to the Los Angeles Dodgers in a startling, three-team trade yestersday that brought B.C. native Jason Bay to Boston. That wasn't the only major trade yesterday. The Chicago White Sox acquired Ken Griffey Jr. from the Cincinnati Reds reliever Nick Masset and triple-A second baseman Danny Richar.

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Pettersen a real CFL legend

YorkReport

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It was 1979 when I first met Leif Pettersen. I was a rookie CFL reporter with The Globe and Mail. He was a lanky receiver with the Hamilton Tiger-Cats.

After a tough loss on a frigid afternoon, I sat down beside him in the Ticats' locker room to pick his brain. He was chain smoking. He must have gone through 10 cigarettes in 10 minutes as he dissected the game. I was on deadline, but he wouldn't let me leave until he was done.

And I realized then that the man could analyze football. He was a natural for the broadcast booth, with movie-star looks, a reasonable command of the English language and a high-pitched voice that enabled him to hammer home his main points with verbal exclamation marks.

So up to the booth he eventually went. And, at the beginning of what turned out to be an illustrious 18-year broadcasting career (10 more years than he played), Pettersen was teamed with the legendary, late Pat Marsden. Pat took Leif under his wing and made his transition even easier. Somehow, I can see Pat welcoming Leif again today, as the two reunite.

Pettersen died this week at only 57, the victim of an apparent heart attack. What a shocker. He appeared to be in very good shape, was a successful businessman and was never short of friends.

One of his closest was Keith Pelley, his former boss at TSN. Pettersen was the best man at Pelley's wedding. When Pelley became the president of the Toronto Argonauts, he hired Pettersen as a club ambassador and persuaded him to speak to business groups in a bid to sell season tickets. When Pelley quit the Argos last year to become chief of the CTV-Rogers Olympic Consortium, he recommended that Pettersen replace him, sources said, but the Argos' owners chose Michael Clemons instead.

> **"Leif is one of the most vibrant, one of the most interesting guys I know,"**
> Keith Pelley
> Ex-Argos President

"Leif is one of the most vibrant, one of the most interesting guys I know," Pelley told me when I worked with him and Pettersen on TSN's CFL telecasts last decade. "You ought to try to be more like him. It'd help you."

Well, I couldn't be like Pettersen, even if I tried. Few could. He was too cool. And yet he was also feisty.

He didn't end up liking me very much, either, but I sure got a kick out of him and his style. Even when he challenged me — on the air during live broadcasts — to identify sources I simply couldn't. Even when he challenged me to a post-show brawl outside the studio. (Yes, he really did that.)

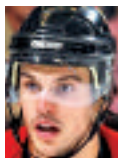
Here's hoping he's at peace now.

For more CFL stuff, incidentally, check out my latest CFL Report, only at www.metronews.ca.

Marty York has been a groundbreaking sports columnist and broadcaster in Canada for decades.

Sports in brief

NHL The Ottawa Senators finally have Antoine Vermette's signature on a contract extension. The 25-year-old agreed to a US$5.25-million, two-year deal with the team yesterday.



Vermette

TENNIS World No. 1 Ana Ivanovic of Serbia was upset by Austria's Tamira Paszek 6-2, 1-6, 6-2 at the Rogers Cup yesterday.

TENNIS Roger Federer lost another three-set match and, perhaps, his longtime grip on No. 1. The top-ranked player had another subpar showing yesterday, a 7-6 (8), 4-6, 7-6 (7) loss to Ivo Karlovic.

NHL Steve Tambellini was named general manager of the Edmonton Oilers as part of a shakeup in the team's executive offices yesterday, taking over from Kevin Lowe, who becomes president of hockey operations.

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MLB

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

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L.A. Angels at N.Y. Yankees
Seattle at Texas
Chicago W. Sox at Minnesota

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Chicago Cubs 11 Milwaukee 4
Atlanta 9 St. Louis 4
Philadelphia 8 Washington 4
Colorado at Florida
Arizona at L.A. Dodgers

TODAY'S GAMES

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Oakland at Boston, 7:05
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Detroit at Tampa Bay, 7:10
TORONTO at Texas, 8:05
Cleveland at Minnesota, 8:10
Chicago White Sox at Kansas City, 8:10
Baltimore at Seattle, 10:10

NATIONAL LEAGUE
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Colorado at Florida, 7:10
Milwaukee at Atlanta, 7:35
Cincinnati at Washington, 7:35
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CFL

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No more surprises
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Beijing Games

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Focus on fashion

City doles out advice on what to wear

Polishing up Beijing for the Olympics has extended to the city government telling residents what not wear, advising against too many colours, white socks with black shoes, and parading in pyjamas.

The advice, on top of campaigns to cut out public spitting and promote orderly lining up, was handed out in booklets to four million households ahead of the Olympics, an official said yesterday.

The etiquette book giving advice on everything from shaking hands to how to stand is part of a slew of admonitions on manners, said Zheng Mojie, deputy director of the Office of Capital Spiritual Civilization Construction Commission.

"The level of civility of the whole city has improved and a sound cultural and social environment has been assured for the success of the Beijing Olympic Games," she said.

There should be no more than three colour groups in your clothing, the book published by Zheng's committee advises, and wearing pyjamas and slippers to visit neighbours, as some elderly Beijing residents like to do, is also out. It recommends dark-coloured socks, and says white socks should never be worn with black leather shoes.

In the past few years, the government has educated people on how to prepare for the Olympics under the slogan: "I participate, I contribute, I enjoy."

"The level of civility of the whole city has improved."
Zheng Mojie

Measures such as a ban on spitting in the capital city, which started in 2006, and the introduction of a day to show a little more patience in lines — on the 11th of each month — have paid off, Zheng said.

Campaigns involving nearly a million volunteers have been launched to give etiquette tips at schools, universities and government offices. In some districts, university students have been encouraged to go to villages to educate rural people, she said.

"Such campaigns and educational activities are now gradually improving the lives of Beijingers, for example now you'll find more smiling faces and people are more properly and elegantly dressed," she said.

The book advises that there should be no public displays of affection, feet should be slightly apart or in the shape of a V or Y when standing, and a handshake should not last more than three seconds.

Don't ask foreigners their age, marital status, income, past experience, address, personal life, religious beliefs or political beliefs, it says.

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CHINA PHOTOS/GETTY IMAGES

Volunteers participate in etiquette training for the award ceremonies at the Beijing Olympic Games.

Sharapova not heading to Beijing

TENNIS Maria Sharapova is pulling out of the Beijing Olympics because of a shoulder injury.

The three-time Grand Slam singles champion says on her website that medical tests taken Thursday show she has two small tears in her shoulder's tendons.

The news comes a day after the Russian pulled out of the Rogers Cup in Montreal because of the injury. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tuesday's lineup

MEDAL HOPEFULS In the final days before the Games, Metro will profile four of Canada's top medal hopefuls. Read Metro on Tuesday for more.

6 days remain until the official start of the 2008 Summer Olympic Games in Beijing.

Nice Day for a White Wedding

Celebrate wedding season by visiting Lush Fresh Handmade Cosmetics (312 Queen St. W. and 1 Dundas St. W.) on Aug. 2 or 9 from 12 to 5 p.m. where you can win a limited edition White Wedding bath bomb, left, every hour on the hour by catching the runaway bride's bouquet. METRO

Style

"I know people were a little intimidated at first... But I just said, 'Let's give it a shot.'"

John Ho, owner of Yvonne Hair and Nails salon in Alexandria, Va., says in regards to his salon's trendy fish pedicures.

Best dressed

The Vanity Fair 2008 best-dressed list came out this week, and there's not one Canuck in the bunch. Gracing the cover and list is former model and current French first lady Carla Bruni Sarkozy, left. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Fish pedicures creating a splash

Tank of tiny, nibbling carp offer unique spa experience

Ready for the latest in spa pampering? Prepare to dunk your tootsies in a tank of tiny, nibbling carp.

Fish pedicures are creating something of a splash in the area where a northern Virginia spa has been offering them for the past four months. John Ho, who runs the Yvonne Hair and Nails salon with his wife, Yvonne Le, said 5,000 people have taken the plunge so far.

"This is a good treatment for everyone who likes to have nice feet," Ho said.

He said he wanted to come up with something unique while finding a replacement for pedicures that use razors to scrape off dead skin. The razors have fallen out of favour with state regulators because of concerns about whether they're sanitary.

Ho was skeptical at first about the fish, which are called garra rufa but typically known as doctor fish. They were first used in Turkey and have become popular in some Asian countries.

But Ho doubted they would thrive in the warm water needed for a comfortable footbath. The hot water in which the fish thrive, however, doesn't support much plant or aquatic life, so they learned to feed on available food sources — including dead, flaking skin. Without teeth, they cannot bite live skin.

"I know people were a little intimidated at first," Ho said. "But I just said, `Let's give it a shot.'"

Customers were quickly hooked.

Tracy Roberts, 33, of Rockville, Md., said it was "the best pedicure I ever had" and has spread the word to friends and co-workers.

"I'd been an athlete all my life, so I've always had calluses on my feet. This was the first time somebody got rid of my calluses completely," she said.

The fish don't do the job alone. After 15 to 30 minutes in the tank, customers get a standard pedicure, made easier by the soft skin the doctor fish leave behind.

Dennis Arnold, a podiatrist who four years ago established the International Pedicure Association, said he had never heard of the treatment and doubts it will become widespread. "I think most people would be afraid of it," he said.

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Toes first! These little garra rufa creatures (known as doctor fish), at a spa in northern Virginia, busily eat away at the dry, dead skin on a client's feet.

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Tracy Roberts, far left, Patsy Fisher and KaNin Reese indulge in a fish pedicure treatment at Yvonne Hair and Nails salon in Alexandria, Va.

Pricey pedicure

- Yvonne Hair and Nails salon is currently the only salon in the U.S. to offer fish pedicures, says John Ho, who runs the salon.
- The treatment costs $35 for 15 minutes and $50 for 30 minutes.

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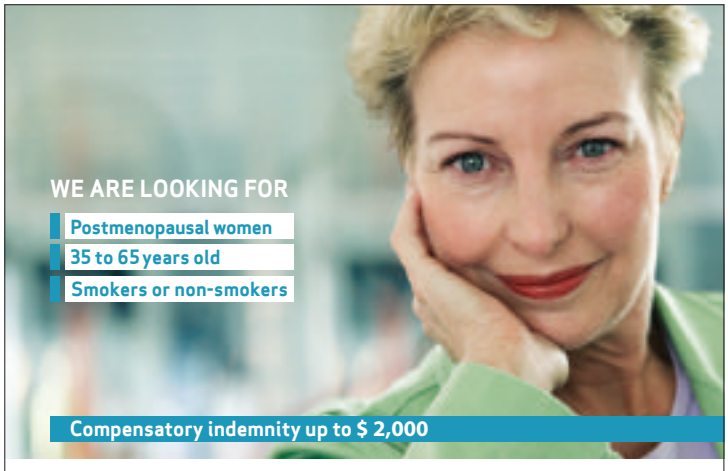

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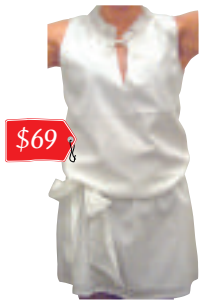

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E-mail your style questions to *kim.elbo@metronews. ca.*

Vancouver's Kim Elbo has a passion for fashion. Here she shares the latest style tips.

white summer styles

If you're one to follow the rule of 'wear no white after Labour Day,' then you've got exactly 31 days left. On the other hand, if you like to stand out and be a bit rebellious then here are a couple of items you can mix in and layer with well after Labour Day. Add a bit of interest to your plain white tee with crochet accents and mother or pearl buttons. If you're looking for a casual dress the Gap dress is perfect, wear with gladiator sandals for the summer then with opaque tights for fall. The Jacob jacket is a great lightweight jacket perfect for cool summer evenings or for building to building walks this fall semester.

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ring styles

Rings never go out of style if you buy the right designs. Here are three major ring styles that should stay on your finger or in you jewelry box forever. The mixed metal ring, one of my favourites, goes with anything. You can pair it with coloured jewels or other metals. Thick jeweled rings can act as cocktail rings and can be worn during the evening. The stacked ring looks great paired with casual look. If you want to stack the rings you already have, make sure they are all the same size so they look uniform.

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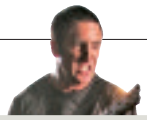

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Music

Rossdale's reality gig

Former Bush front man guests on Canadian Idol

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Gavin Rossdale's solo album, Wanderlust, was released in June.

OK, Gavin Rossdale — you're up. And you'd better be good.

"Every time I go sing a vocal, I feel like this is it — everything depends on it," the former Bush frontman says about his singing approach. "I'm in the Cup final every time. If I don't get this right, I'm out. I'm done. I'm gone.

Rossdale was in Toronto recently to talk about his appearance on Canadian Idol, his first solo album Wanderlust, and a little bit about the baby he and wife Gwen Stefani are expecting.

Sipping on a self-made green tea at the Royal York, Rossdale is blunt about the pressure he felt to make a successful record. After a multi-platinum, five-album run with Bush, Rossdale took a step back commercially with the hard-edged group Institute.

So now what?

"If I was going to make another record, it really had to connect, or I could be in certain degrees of trouble," Rossdale said. "That's just me being realistic and truthful."

Wanderlust, produced by legendary Canuck Bob Rock, was released June 3 and has surpassed Institute's chart performance.

And here's a good way to ensure better album sales:

"If I was going to make another record, it really had to connect, or I could be in certain degrees of trouble."
Gavin Rossdale

Rossdale appeared on Canadian Idol this week, mentoring the Top 8 with their acoustic-performance skills, as well as performing his single Love Remains the Same.

The 42-year-old London native said he was impressed with the finalists' dedication.

"They all really cared about the songs, really cared about singing them well, and doing the best that they could do. That's what I liked about it."

When asked whether more musicians were embracing the Idol phenomenon, Rossdale wasn't sure.

"I'm definitely sure it's been embraced by the public," he said. "The public couldn't give a f—k how someone comes about — they're just really happy to hear people's stories …

"To me, it just shows that — wow — if everyone who's good could have marketing — imagine what would happen!"

As for his own marketing, Rossdale said an extensive tour is on hold for a few months, to give the album a chance to gain momentum. Also: "I'm about to have another baby. It's kind of cool, because it's like complete chaos. And I think life is richer when it's full of chaos. The idea of having an ordered, simple life is just not for me."

Rossdale and Stefani are expecting their second child by the end of the summer. Their son Kingston, was born in 2006. No word on whether Kingston will have a little brother os sister.

"I don't know," Rossdale said. "We're going to go for the surprise."

Billy Talent takes on MS, plots new recording

SoundCheck

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Billy Talent drummer Aaron Solowoniuk is in a good place. The band, fresh from celebrating their 15th anniversary, has just returned from a invigorating 2 ½ week swing through Germany, Finland, Norway, Russia and Poland that has left everyone in the group feeling great.

"We had sold 400 albums in all of Poland, yet 800 people came to see our show. Maybe it had something to do with my last name," he says with a quiet smile.

After selling more than 600,000 copies of their first two albums, Billy Talent has earned the right to take some time recording their next CD. At this moment, though, demos are being assembled, producers are being considered, studios are being scouted and the group is in the process of finding a building to serve as the new BT HQ. And while that third record won't be ready until next spring, Aaron let it slip that fans will be rewarded with a new song called Turn Your Back in the fall.

Then there's F.U.M.S., Billy Talent's crusade against multiple sclerosis, a disease that's on Aaron's mind every day because he's had to live with it himself for more than a decade. Thanks to three weekly injections of a hideously expensive drug, Aaron's MS is under control. Aaron realizes he's blessedly lucky, which is why he and the band are behind the MS Society of Canada's Scholarship Program. It provides post-secondary education support to young adults 25 and under with MS or those who have a parent living with the disease.

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"My goal for this program," he says, "is for young people to have the opportunity to follow their dreams, regardless of the presence of MS in their lives."

Next Friday's Second Annual F.U.M.S. Open at Lionhead in Mississauga, organized by Aaron's brother and sister-in-law, will see more than 100 golfers — including some of BT's musician friends — is expected to raise at least $25,000.

This year, 80 scholarships valued at nearly $80,000 are being distributed to students across the country. In a few weeks, some of the essays written by scholarship winners will be posted at *mssociety.ca/scholarship*. You can also make a donation at the site.

"These kids write things that bring tears to my eyes," says Aaron. "To be able to help them is amazing. I want to keep this up until there's a cure."

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Caution: 'Mummy on the loose!'

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor
Director: Rob Cohen
Stars: Brendan Fraser, Maria Bello, Jet Li
Classification: PG
Rating:

The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor features some crazy visual effects.

REVIEW For someone who keeps saying he "really hates mummies," Brendan Fraser sure keeps coming back to them a lot. If he just listened to his character's own empty rantings of detest, maybe he (and we) would've been much better off.

In this third offering of the successful franchise, adventurer Rick O'Connell returns to action taking his wife (Maria Bello sporting a spotty British accent) to China to deliver a legendary diamond.

There, he learns his son (Luke Ford) dug up the tomb of evil Emperor Han (Jet Li) and … well, to spare you the contrived plot details, just assume that blood is spilt, the Emperor awakens and as Rick O'Connell exclaims, "There's a mummy on the loose!"

Now, nobody should expect perfection out of this type of popcorn movie, but at least give us a reasonable story and a shred of intelligent dialogue.

Here, lines are so baseless, expository and unfunny that when a yak yaks on one character, he declares "the yak yakked." Wasn't that a throwaway line from Abbott & Costello Meet the Mummy?

Sure, there are plenty of crazy visual effects of warriors, a dragon and even yetis (what, no mid-20th century goblins?) but they only serve to mildly distract from a tedious, laboured storyline.

At Comic-Con in San Diego recently, Fraser described this film as a "love story."

Well, this is as much a love story as There Will Be Blood is a meditation on dairy products.

And basically, that's why this movie stinks — a clear lack of focus, direction and yes, even "love" leaves this mummy as thrilling as a 2,000-year-old bag of bones.

Swing, and a miss: Swing Vote a disappointment

ADAM NAYMAN
for Metro Canada

Swing vote
Director: Joshua Michael Stern
Stars: Kevin Costner, Dennis Hopper
Classification: PG
Rating:

REVIEW Earnest (Bud) Johnson — an affable small-town screwup who accidentally gets the chance to determine the outcome of the U.S. presidential election — is pretty much the prototypical Kevin Costner role: the aw-shucks messiah whose basic decency wins the day.

Swing Vote feels very much like a vanity project, but unlike The Postman or Open Range, Costner didn't write or direct (he did produce).

However, like The Postman and Open Range, the film is a debacle: a lazy attempt at a contemporary Frank Capra fable that takes the tone of a condescending civics lesson.

It's a bad sign when beer-swilling layabout Bud, coerced to cast his vote by his implausibly precocious 10-year old daughter (poised newcomer Madeline Carroll) gets cold-cocked by an overhanging "remember to vote" sign: nothing like literally being smacked by a metaphor (for him, or for us).

Kevin Costner

Things actually get worse from there, as undecided voter Bud becomes an overnight celebrity and courted by incumbent president Kelsey Grammer and Democratic challenger Dennis Hopper.

The candidates are wittily cast (arch-Republican Sideshow Bob vs. The Easy Rider himself) but the roles are so bland that the joke gets muffled; the satirical jibes at their mutual willingness to flip-flop ideologies on Bud's whims are similarly toothless.

Bud's eventual political awakening (once again dully literalized by having his daughter forcibly rouse him out of bed at regular intervals) is so perfunctory that it's insulting.

After one montage of diligent study with his daughter (and, of course, a sexy TV newswoman), he emerges as an expert on the issues and leads a presidential debate (complete with standard-issue halting Costner monologue).

At which point, director Joshua Michael Stern hurriedly cuts away from the discussion. After all, we can't have any actual politics in our political comedy, can we?

Monsanto World a terrifying place

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The World According to Monsanto
Documentary: Marie-Monique Robin
Classification: STC
Rating:

REVIEW "They are in the process of owning food. All food." That's Troy Roush talking about Monsanto, the U.S.-based chemical company trying to corner the worldwide market on what we eat by using biotechnology and genetically modified crops. Roush is one of many farmers featured in this sobering documentary who have been steamrolled by Monsanto.

The World According to Monsanto comes off as part Roger & Me, part Grapes of Wrath. French filmmaker Robin travels the globe interviewing scientists, politicians and farmers affected by Monsanto. Her research is beyond thorough, and the reach of her doc is staggering — almost as staggering as the reach of Monsanto itself.

The implications here are terrifying, and Robin doesn't leave much room for optimism. She reveals so much information and conducts so many interviews, it overwhelms at times. And the 109 minutes run a bit long. The impact of the film would have been just as effective with more editing.

Bottle Shock

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Continent ventures into bewildering story

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

The Last Continent
Director: Jean Lemire
Stars: Jean Lemire
Classification: XX
Rating:

Jean Lemire's The Last Continent is a bewildering story of survival.

REVIEW Earlier this week, a huge four-square kilometer chunk snapped off the largest remaining ice shelf in the Arctic. You can bet it's a fact not lost on biologist/filmmaker Jean Lemire. After all, Lemire took his small schooner and crew into the Antarctic for 430 days to study climate change, where they discovered more than just an ecosystem in turmoil.

The Last Continent, a new film documenting their expedition, is a moving, personal drama not only exposing the effects of climate change, but also the intense, emotional peril of being isolated from society for a year plus. As much as climate change is affecting geography at the pole, so too does it take its toll on the crew.

While Lemire and company deal with rotting food, sheer isolation and the suspense of waiting for a pack ice that practically never forms, they too develop a beautiful, intimate changing relationship with the ecosystem and the wildlife that thrive upon it. This film is less a lecture in climate crisis than a bewildering story of survival in a dangerous time.

Closing in on great performances

Closing the Ring
Director: Richard Attenborough
Stars: Shirley Maclaine, Christopher Plummer, Mischa Barton, Pete Postlethwaite, Neve Campbell, Brenda Fricker and Martin McCann
Classification: 14A
Rating:

REVIEW A Gala presentation at the 2007 Toronto International Film Festival, Closing the Ring is similar to The Notebook in its use of constantly shifting time frames and perspectives to reveal truths and establish connections between the past and present.

Attenborough and screenwriter Peter Woodward take their time making those connections, but assured performances by everyone — notably Shirley Maclaine and Christopher Plummer — make the wait worth it.

It begins in 1991 at a funeral in Branagan, Mich., where ancient airman Chuck is being buried by his emotionless widow Ethel (Maclaine) and his grieving daughter Marie (Neve Campbell).

Ethel's lack of tears is noticed both by Marie and by Jack (Plummer), an old chum, but they react in differently. Marie is angry; Jack tries to smooth waters and appeals to nobler sentiments. Ethel hints there are reasons why Chuck's passing means little to her.

The scene shifts to Belfast, Northern Ireland, where gruff senior Quinlan (Pete Postlethwaite) and naive lad Jimmy (Martin McCann) are digging through the remains of a B-17 bomber that crashed on a hillside during World War II.

Shift yet again to the Belfast of 1941, where youthful idylls are underway even as the winds of war sweep across the land. Three mates in the U.S. Air Force — Teddy (Stephen Amell), Jack (Gregory Smith) and Chuck (Toronto's David Alpay) — are getting ready to fight global fascism. In the meantime, they're all enjoying leave with the fetching Ethel (Mischa Barton) who has charmed them all to various degrees.

Ethel swoons for Teddy, and vice-versa. They vow to marry and do, secretly, exchanging a single gold ring that Teddy will keep. Mindful of the dangers ahead, Teddy secures a promise from his mates that will profoundly affect all of them in the future. The promise might seem overly melodramatic if heard in a movie set in contemporary times, yet it is at home with the wartime realities so effectively rendered in Chasing the Ring.

Attenborough is a past master at this type of drama, and he confidently shifts between the decades, avoiding the confusion so common to nonlinear films like this.

The resemblance between the younger and older actors isn't striking, but their performances make this a minor issue.

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American Teen is a trip into halls of high school

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American Teen
Director: Nanette Burstein
Classification: XX
Rating:

REVIEW The undeniable star of Nanette Burstein's American Teen is Hannah, who introduces herself in the first 10 minutes of the film as a brash, happy misfit at her suburban Indiana high school, a square peg in what appears to be a sea of round holes. Burstein spent a year following a group of high school seniors around with her camera crew, hoping to make a portrait of teen life that was neither glamourized nor exploitative.

She must have responded to Hannah with relief, so quickly does the girl dominate the screen, utterly confident in both her direction — away from Indiana, as soon as graduation is over, she hopes, and into a career making films – and her boyfriend. The semester has barely started, however, when Hannah gets dumped, and all that self-confidence and rebellious disregard for what anyone thinks of her dissolves in teary depression, and a sudden, painful anxiety about how weak she must look.

"If high school memories still make you wince, American Teen is a guaranteed migraine flashback to a period most of us survive more than we enjoy."

Hannah eventually pulls herself together, but not before Megan starts to take over centre stage. A walking précis of the most popular girl in school — blonde, affluent, cheerleader; you name it — Megan looks like she has it all, but we soon discover that her choice of college is causing no end of strife at home, and her closest friendships are a hornet's nest waiting to erupt. Unlike Hannah, however, Megan handles these more acutely agonizing troubles with level-headedness that it's hard not to admire, and thus a classic high school dichotomy is upended before our eyes.

If high school memories still make you wince, American Teen is a guaranteed migraine flashback to a period most of us survive more than we enjoy, and Burstein's film has the added bonus of denying anyone who thinks otherwise the easy comforts of closure, beyond prom and grad and the vertiginous ejection into college and life beyond.

Movie morsels

The Dark Knight

REVIEW The follow-up to Batman Begins takes the caped crusader down a darker path. When the psychopathic villain The Joker (played by the late Heath Ledger) terrorizes Gotham City, Batman (Christian Bale) is tangled in a moral struggle. People will flock to this film (and rightly so) because Christopher Nolan creates a stunning visual masterpiece and captures mesmerizing performances by Bale and Ledger.

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Hancock

REVIEW Comic-book aficionados will spot the patchwork of some of the genre's classically corruptible characters that make up Will Smith's flawed protagonist: Hancock drinks like Tony Stark, causes mayhem like Bruce Banner's better half, and like X-Man, is a nearly indestructible boor who can't remember his past. Like all three, his heart is in the right place when it comes to saving the world.

Brian Towie/Metro Canada

Hellboy 2

REVIEW Just before the climactic battle in Guillermo del Toro's Hellboy sequel, we're reminded of a prophetic plot point from the first film that both sets up Hellboy 3 — or 4 or 5; it's obvious no one's really bothered by this dose of dramatic Xanax —and deflates the conflict to come by underlining the likelihood that the hero will survive to fight another day.

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Mamma Mia!

REVIEW The first 20 minutes of Mamma Mia! are taken up with arrivals on a Greek island where Sophie (Amanda Seyfried) is getting married at the hotel run by Donna (Meryl Streep), her hippie mother. Based on the Broadway musical that made ABBA songs even more omnipresent than they were, it's the story of Sophie's search for her father, after learning he could have been one of three men her mother slept with during some eventful summer in the '70s.

Rick McGinnis/Metro Canada

Step Brothers

REVIEW Ferrell re-teams with his Talladega Nights co-star John C. Reilly to play a middle-aged slacker who must cope with his new 40-something step brother. Every bit immature equals, the siblings square off like tantrum-filled toddlers. It's a thin story to hang jokes on but part of the reason it works is because you don't know where the script ends and the improvisation begins.

Steve Gow/Metro Canada

Wall E

REVIEW In the absence of his creators, who are cruising the universe, Wall-E, the big-eyed trash-compacting robot, is left to dig mankind out of its own mess on an earth. He has developed a lovelorn little soul, until Eve arrives. Eve is a sleek creature looking for signs of plant life that would mean Earth is becoming habitable again. When she's taken to the mothership after finding the seedling Wall-E's been tending, he hitches along for the ride. It's sweet.

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The X-Files: I Want to Believe

REVIEW Ex-FBI agent Dana Scully (Anderson), now a full-time hospital surgeon, pulls her partner Fox Mulder (Duchovny) out of exile to track a missing agent. Helping them is Father Joe (Connolly), a pedophile priest who sniffs out severed body parts and crime scenes for the bureau with his questionable psychic abilities.

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Sisterhood reunites

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FEATURE Ask the four stars of The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants 2 about what it was like filming the sequel, and they immediately mention a moped accident — and whose fault it was.

"It was Amber's fault," America Ferrera insists.

"Right," Amber Tamblyn says. "It was my fault. But Blake hit the back of everybody."

"But she wouldn't have if you didn't stop," Ferrera responds. Within seconds, all four actresses are talking at once, showing off the very real bond they've developed.

"At the end of the day ... I want to go to dinner, I want to watch a movie. I don't want to go to a club and not wear panties."
Blake Lively on the Hollywood lifestyle

Alexis Bledel returns alongside America Ferrera, Amber Tamblyn and Blake Lively in the The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants 2.

The film, in theatres Aug. 6, reunites Ferrera, Tamblyn, Blake Lively and Alexis Bledel, who first brought the characters from Ann Bashares' best-selling book series to life in 2005.

Part two crams the next three books in the series into one movie, but the bond between the main characters remains the heart of the film.

The four young actresses, all film and TV stars in their own rights, have stayed grounded despite the allure of the Young Hollywood culture.

"At the end of the day of work, I want to go to dinner, I want to watch a movie," says Lively. "I don't want to go to a club and not wear panties."

Of course, it's hard to go too crazy when you have friends watching out for you. "If any of us dared to be ridiculous, we would get a lot of phone calls," Ferrera says.

Tamblyn agrees: "From each other, saying, 'What were you doing? You're grounded.'"

"What I love about this movie is that it gives young women an example of strong female relationships," Ferrera says.

She hopes to see more films portraying women "supporting each other instead of tearing each other down."

Now, about that moped accident. "It was very dramatic," Tamblyn explains. "Great for a first day of shooting." Ferrera agrees: But Tamblyn can't help getting a joke in. "It was good because I got to make fun of them on crutches," she says, smiling slyly.

"She would take our crutches, too," Lively says. And with that, they're off again, all four talking at once.

Just like real friends.

Who wears the pants?

- The titular trousers, which worked so much magic in the first film, take a back seat in the sequel. This time around, the focus is on the girls themselves and their individual journeys into adulthood. So why the shift away from the pants? "It doesn't matter at that point," says Bledel. "I think they've grown out of it."

While the pants may be fading away, the sisterhood remains strong.

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‘A weed action movie’

STEVE GOW
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FEATURE To sum up Pineapple Express, Seth Rogen simply has to think back to what star producer Judd Apatow suggested he and writing partner Evan Goldberg tackle next after penning surprise hit Superbad: “A weed action movie.”

For those who are familiar with the Vancouver-born actor/writer, it’s not totally out of character.

“Me and Evan thought that could be rad,” Rogen admitted recently in Los Angeles.

“Basically, we started thinking if we could make a movie that was kind of a weed movie and an action movie and (had) a real friendship story to it, that would be our favorite movie ever.”

Hitting theatres next Friday, the comedy tells the tale of Dale (Rogen), a slothful process server who spins into weed-enhanced panic after witnessing a murder.

Seth Rogen’s influence for Pineapple Express came from ’80s action films.

In desperation, Dale seeks refuge with his dope dealer Saul (James Franco), but the two unlikely companions are soon being chased by crooked cops, henchmen and a ridiculous mid-level dealer (Danny McBride).

Now, Rogen may have perfected the innocent, stoner type with his turn in last summer’s hit Knocked Up, but he insists Dale is a far cry from playing pot-smoker-turned-proud papa Ben Stone.

“To me, the fact that a character smokes weed isn’t really what I hang my hat on necessarily. I mean, Arthur and James Bond aren’t the same because they both drink,” reasons Rogen.

“To me, they’re very different guys.”

Besides, both Rogen and Goldberg set out to make an action movie; not a romantic comedy a la Knocked Up.

Both were huge fans of ‘80s action hits like Lethal Weapon, Die Hard and basically “anything with Brian Bosworth in it”.

To make it authentic, Rogen knew they had to get physical and even take on a few stunts.

“Ya, we hurt ourselves,” brags Rogen. “Franco cracked his face open; McBride cracked the back of his head open” — resulting in a concussion, thanks in part to Franco, who struck McBride with a water-filled bong.

“We’re all friends. It’s very bonding to beat the crap out of each other.”
Seth Rogen on doing the film’s stunts

“We’re all friends. It’s very bonding to beat the crap out of each other,” laughs Rogen.

“(This film was) very physical; you’re in somewhat homoerotic positions; lots of me on Danny’s back. I rode Danny’s back for two days.”

Chimes in McBride: “Sometimes it wasn’t even during the movie.”

Look for a review of Pineapple Express on Wednesday.

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A contrasting role

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Rupinder Nagra plays the title role in Amal.

FEATURE Amal, the hero of director Richie Mehta's movie of the same name, is a unique mix. Rickshaw driver, mama's boy. Reticent and placid, yet devoted and passionate. Part Forrest Gump, part Jesus Christ.

"I think that's the best way to put it," said Rupinder Nagra, who portrays Amal. "That's what it is: He's got all these saintly qualities, but yet he's oblivious to it all."

Amal drives a rickshaw in bustling New Delhi, India. In a world where everyone is trying to get an edge or a buck, Amal isn't. As the story and the financial stakes escalate around him, Amal stays put.

"Here you've got a guy who's a nice guy, which you don't normally see on the screen," said Nagra over coffee in Toronto. "Nice guys who aren't corrupted and don't have to go through redemption and all that stuff.

"But on top of that, he doesn't do things because he wants anything in return. He doesn't even realize how nice he is. To him, this is just the way you lead your life."

Amal, an entry in last year's Toronto International Film Festival, has won numerous awards on the festival circuit, prizes picked by both critics and fans.

But if Nagra had acted on his initial reading of the story, he wouldn't have taken the role. It was the ending that got to him. "I read it, and I was really upset," Nagra said about the short story (written by Shaun Mehta, the director's brother) the film is based on. "I remember if took me half an hour to call Richie (Mehta) because it just blew me away. It made me look at myself, and how do I value success?

"When I realized that, I was like, 'Oh my God — this is an amazing story.'"

But a tricky portrayal for Nagra. You might call it acting from within.

"Richie and I had lots of conversations about that," said the Indian-born, Hamilton-raised actor. "It's really about, OK — these are the emotions, but then reel them in, and keep them inside. I remember the first couple of days of shooting, it was a challenge because you want to react to something, or you could go over the top in terms of really, really holding it back in.

"Once I found that zone of how to play him, I was really comfortable keeping it inside."

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Darkman (14A) Sun 4:30 Tue 7
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Food Matters (STC) Wed 7
For a Few Dollars More (STC) Thu 9:30
Ghost World (14A) Sat 4:30 Tue 9
The Incredible Hulk (PG) Fri-Sat 7 Sun 9:30 Mon 4:30-9:30 Wed 4:30

Iron Man (PG) Fri 4:15-9:20 Sat 9:20 Sun-Mon 7 Tue 4:15

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Just Buried (14A) Fri-Thu 2-4:50-7:30-9:45
Sex and the City (18A) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:10-7-9:50
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Closing the Ring (14A) Fri-Thu 1:15-4:15-7:30-10:20
Gonzo: The Life and Work of Dr. Hunter S. Thompson (14A) Fri-Tue 1-4-7-9:50
The Last Mistress (French w/e.s.t.) (18A) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:30-7:15-10
The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants 2 (PG) Wed-Thu 1-4-7-9:50
Step Brothers (14A) Fri-Thu 12:45-3:45-6:45-9:40

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The Dark Knight: The IMAX Experience (14A) No Passes Fri-Sat 12-3:30-7-10:30-1:30 No Passes Sun-Thu 12-3:30-7-10:30
Hancock (PG) Fri-Thu 12:50-4:20-7:20-10:15
Journey to the Center of the Earth (PG) Fri-Thu 11:40-2:20-6:20-9
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Swing Vote (PG) Fri-Thu 12:40-3:40-7:10-10:10
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Wanted (18A) Fri-Thu 7:30-10

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Step Brothers (14A) Special Engagement Fri-Sun 11:40-12:20-1-1:40-2:20-3-3:40-4:20-5-5:40-6:20-7-7:40-8:20-9-9:40-10:15-10:45 Tue-Thu 12:20-1-1:40-2:20-3-3:40-4:20-5-5:40-6:20-7-7:40-8:20-9-9:40-10:15-10:45 Special Engagement Mon 11:40-12:20-1-1:40-2:20-3-3:40-4:20-5-5:40-6:20-7-7:40-8:20-9-9:40-10:15-10:45
The Wackness (14A) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:05-7-9:25
WALL-E (G) Fri-Sun 11:30-12:45-1:45-2:30-3:45-4:30-5:15-6:30-7:15-7:45-9:15-9:45-10:15 Mon 11:30-12:45-1:45-2:30-3:45-4:30-5:15-6:30-7:15-7:45-9:15-9:45-10:15 Tue-Thu 12:45-1:45-2:30-3:45-4:30-5:15-6:30-7:15-7:45-9:15-9:45-10:15
You Don't Mess With the Zohan (14A) Fri-Thu 7:10-9:55

West End

ALBION CINEMAS
1530 Albion Rd., 416-742-3456

KKismat Konnection (Hindi w/e.s.t.) (PG) Fri 9:30 Sat-Mon 4 Tue-Wed 9:30
Kuselan (STC) Fri 3-6:30-10 Sat-Mon 12:15-3-6:30-10 Tue-Thu 3-6:30-10
Mission Istaanbul (STC) Fri 7 Sat-Wed 7:15
Money Hai Toh Honey Hai (PG) Fri 4 Sat-Mon 12-9:45 Tue-Wed 4
Singh Is Kinng (STC) Thu 3:30-6:30-9:30

QUEENSWAY
1025 The Queensway, 416-503-0424

Brideshead Revisited (14A) Fri-Mon 1-4:15-7:35-10:50 Tue 4:15-7:35-10:50 Wed-Thu 1-4:15-7:35-10:50 Star & Strollers Tue 1
The Dark Knight (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 11:30-12-12:30-3-3:30-4-6:30-7-7:30-10-10:30-11
Get Smart (PG) Fri-Thu 12:25-3:35
Hancock (PG) Fri-Thu 11:35-2:15-5:10-7:55-10:55
Hellboy II: The Golden Army (14A) Fri-Tue 3:50-6:55-10:05 Wed 3:50-10:05 Thu 3:50-6:55-10:05
Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull (PG) Fri-Tue 6:25-9:30
Journey to the Center of the Earth (PG) Fri-Thu 11:45-2:25-5:05-7:50-10:25
Kung Fu Panda (PG) Fri-Tue 12:35-3:25
Mamma Mia! (PG) Fri-Thu 12:40-3:40-6:35-9:40
The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:10-12:50-1:20-3:20-4:10-4:40-6:40-7:10-7:40-9:45-10:15-10:45
Pineapple Express (18A) No Passes Wed-Thu 12:55-3:55-6:50-10:10
The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants 2 (PG) Wed-Thu 12:15-4:05-7:20-10:40
Space Chimps (G) Fri-Thu 12:45
Step Brothers (14A) Fri-Tue 12:55-2-3:55-5-6:50-7:45-9:35-10:35 Wed-Thu 2-5-7:45-10:35
Swing Vote (PG) Fri-Thu 12:20-3:45-7:15-10:40
WALL-E (G) Fri-Thu 1:25-4:20-7:05-9:50
Wanted (18A) Fri-Thu 6:45-9:55
The X-Files: I Want to Believe (14A) Fri-Thu 1:10-4:25-7:25-10:20

RAINBOW WOODBINE CENTRE
500 Rexdale Blvd., 416-213-1998

The Dark Knight (14A) Fri-Thu 12:30-3:35-6:40-9:45
Hancock (PG) Fri-Tue 12:55-3:05-5:15-7:25-9:35
Journey to the Center of the Earth (PG) Fri-Tue 12:40-2:55-5:7:10-9:15
Mamma Mia! (PG) Fri-Thu 1:05-4:05-7:05-9:30
The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor (PG) Fri-Thu 1:20-3:50-6:55-9:35
Pineapple Express (18A) Wed-Thu 12:55-4:15-7-9:35
The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants 2 (PG) Wed-Thu 12:40-3:45-6:50-9:15
Step Brothers (14A) Fri-Thu 1:15-4:7:15-9:30
Swing Vote (PG) Fri-Thu 1:10-4:10-6:45-9:20
The X-Files: I Want to Believe (14A) Fri-Thu 1-3:55-7-9:25

BEACH CINEMAS
1651 Queen St. E., 416-699-5971

The Dark Knight (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 11:30-12-3-3:30-6:30-7-10-10:30
Hancock (PG) Fri-Tue 1-4:15-7:15-9:45
Mamma Mia! (PG) Fri-Tue 1:15-4:30-7:30-10:15 Wed-Thu 1:15-4:30-7:30-10:20
The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:30-3:45-6:45-9:30
Pineapple Express (18A) No Passes Wed-Thu 1:30-4:45-7:45-10:40
The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants 2 (PG) Wed-Thu 1-4:15-7:15-10:10

FESTIVAL CINEMAS FOX THEATRE
2236 Queen St. E., 416-691-7330

Creature From the Black Lagoon (STC) Tue 7
Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull (PG) Fri 7 Sat-Sun 2-7 Mon 9:15 Wed 1:30
It Came From Outer Space (STC) Tue 9
The Stone Angel (14A) Wed-Thu 7
The Visitor (PG) Wed-Thu 9:15
Wanted (18A) Fri 9:30 Sat-Sun 4:15-9:30 Mon 7

North York

SHEPPARD GRANDE
4861 Yonge St., 416-590-9974

Brideshead Revisited (14A) Fri-Tue 12:15-3:30-6:40-10 Wed-Thu 12:10-3:30-6:40-10
Get Smart (PG) Fri-Thu 12:30-3:40-6:20-9:15
Kung Fu Panda (PG) Fri-Tue 1:45-4
Mamma Mia!) Fri-Tue 1:15-4:10-6:30-7:10-9:30-10:10 Wed-Thu 1:15-4:10-7:10-10:10
The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:45-1:30-3:50-4:30-6:50-7:30-9:50-10:30
The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants 2 (PG) Wed-Thu 12:30-3:30-6:30-9:30
Space Chimps (G) Fri-Thu 2
Step Brothers (14A) Fri-Thu 2-4:40-7:20-10:20
WALL-E (G) Fri-Thu 12-2:20-4:50-7:20-9:40
Wanted (18A) Fri-Thu 4:15-7:05-9:45
The X-Files: I Want to Believe (14A) Fri-Thu 1-4:20-7-9:55

EMPIRE THEATRES @ EMPRESS WALK
5095 Yonge St., 416-223-9550

The Dark Knight (14A) Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes Fri-Thu 12:15-12:45-1:30-2:30-3:30-4-4:45-6-6:45-7:15-8:15-9:15-10:10-10:30
Hancock (PG) Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital Fri-Tue 12:30-3-6:50-9:45 Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital Wed-Thu 12:30-3-7-9:45
Hellboy II: The Golden Army (14A) Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital Fri-Mon 1:45-2:15-4:30-5:30-7:30-8:30-10:15 Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital Tue 1:45-2:15-4:30-7:30-10:15 Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital Wed-Thu 1:45-4:30-7:30-10:15
Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull (PG) Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital Fri-Tue 1:15-4:10-7-9:50
Journey to the Center of the Earth (PG) Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital Fri-Mon 12:20-2:40-5:7:20-9:40 Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital Tue-Thu 12:20-2:40-6:50-9:10
Pineapple Express (18A) Stadium Seating, No Passes, Dolby Stereo Digital Wed-Thu 1:20-2:20-4:20-5:40-7:20-8:30-10:20
Swing Vote (PG) Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital Fri-Thu 1-4:15-7:10-9:55

SILVERCITY YORKDALE 6
3401 Dufferin St., 416-444-3456

The Dark Knight (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 11:40-12:10-3:10-3:40-6:40-7:10-10:10-10:40
Hancock (PG) Fri-Thu 12:30-3:30-6:30-9:15
Hellboy II: The Golden Army (14A) Fri-Tue 9:40
Journey to the Center of the Earth (PG) Fri-Thu 11:50-2:20-5:7:40-10:15
Mamma Mia! (PG) Fri-Tue 12:45-3:50-6:50-9:50 Wed-Thu 12:45-3:50-6:50-9:40
The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 1:20-4:20-7:20-10:20 No Passes Fri-Thu 1:20-4:20-7:20-10:20
Pineapple Express (18A) No Passes Wed-Thu 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:30
The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants 2 (PG) Wed-Thu 12:50-4:7:15-10:15
Step Brothers (14A) Fri-Thu 1:45-4:45-7:45-10:30
WALL-E (G) Fri-Tue 1-4:10-7 Wed-Thu 1-4:10
The X-Files: I Want to Believe (14A) Fri-Tue 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:15 Wed-Thu 7-9:50

Scarborough

COLISEUM SCARBOROUGH
300 Borough Dr., 416-290-5217

The Dark Knight (14A) No Passes Fri-Sat 12:05-12:40-1:15-3:25-4:10-4:40-6:50-7:35-8-10:10-10:50 No Passes Sun-Tue 12:05-12:40-1:15-3:25-4:10-4:40-6:50-7:35-8-10:10 No Passes Wed-Thu 12:05-12:40-3:25-4:10-6:50-7:35-10:10

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Hellboy II: The Golden Army (14A) Fri-Tue 12:55-3:55-6:55-10:15 Wed-Thu 12:55-3:55-6:55-10:05
Journey to the Center of the Earth (PG) Fri-Thu 12-2:25-4:50-7:20-10
The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:30-1-3:30-4-6:30-7-9:30-10 No Passes Fri-Thu 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:30
Pineapple Express (18A) No Passes Wed-Thu 1:15-4:15-7:15-10:15
The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants 2 (PG) Wed-Thu 12:20-3:40-7:25-10:25
Step Brothers (14A) Fri-Thu 1:10-3:50-6:40-9:20
WALL-E (G) Fri-Tue 1:20-4:15-7:05-9:40 Wed-Thu 1:20-4:05-7:05-9:40
Wanted (18A) Fri-Tue 1:25-4:25-7:25-10:25

EGLINTON TOWN CENTRE
1901 Eglinton Ave. E., 416-752-4494

The Dark Knight (14A) No Passes Fri-Tue 11:30-12-12:30-3-3:30-4-6:30-7-7:30-10-10:30-10:50 No Passes Wed-Thu 11:30-12-3-3:30-6:30-7-10-10:30
Hancock (PG) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:55-6:20-9:10
Hellboy II: The Golden Army (14A) Fri-Thu 1:10-4:15-7:35-10:35
Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull (PG) Fri-Tue 11:35-2:35-6:40-9:35 Wed-Thu 6:35-9:35
Journey to the Center of the Earth (PG) Fri-Thu 12:45-3:35-6:55-9:25
Kung Fu Panda (PG) Fri-Tue 12:20-3:10-6:15-8:50 Wed-Thu 12:20-3:10
Mamma Mia! (PG) Fri-Thu 12:35-3:45-6:50-9:45
The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 11:45-12:15-2:50-3:50-6:45-7:20-9:40-10:20
Pineapple Express (18A) No Passes Wed-Thu 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:45
The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants 2 (PG) Wed-Thu 12:30-3:25-6:40-9:50
Space Chimps (G) Fri-Thu 11:50
Step Brothers (14A) Fri-Thu 12:10-3:20-7:10-9:55
Swing Vote (PG) Fri-Wed 1-4:05-7:05-10:10 Thu 4:05-7:05-10:10 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
WALL-E (G) Fri-Thu 11:40-2:40-7:15-9:50
Wanted (18A) Fri-Thu 2:10-7:45-10:40
The X-Files: I Want to Believe (14A) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:20-7:40-10:25

401 & MORNINGSIDE
785 Milner Ave., 416-281-2226

The Dark Knight (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 11:45-12:15-3:10-3:35-6:40-7:10-10-10:30
Hancock (PG) Fri-Thu 1:40-4:30-7:55-10:40
Hellboy II: The Golden Army (14A) Fri-Tue 7:05-10:35
Journey to the Center of the Earth (PG) Fri-Tue 12:05-2:25-4:50-7:25-9:50
Mamma Mia! (PG) Fri-Thu 1-4-6:50-9:40
The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 12-12:45-3-3:45-6:30-7:20-9:30-10:10
Pineapple Express (18A) No Passes Wed-Thu 1:20-4:20-7:05-10:35
The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants 2 (PG) Wed-Thu 11:50-2:50-6:25-9:50
Step Brothers (14A) Fri-Thu 12:30-3:20-7:10:15
Swing Vote (PG) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:15-7:30-10:20
WALL-E (G) Fri-Tue 11:50-2:15-4:40
The X-Files: I Want to Believe (14A) Fri-Thu 1:15-3:55-7:45-10:25

KENNEDY COMMONS 20
33 William Kitchen Rd., 416-335-5323

Before the Rains (PG) Fri-Tue 12:20-2:40-4:55-7:25-9:50
Brideshead Revisited (14A) Special Engagement Fri-Tue 1:15-4:10-7:05-9:55
Get Smart (PG) Fri-Tue 12-2:35-5:05-7:35-10:05
The Incredible Hulk (PG) Fri 2-4:50-7:40-10:30 Sat-Sun 11:10-2-4:50-7:40-10:30 Mon 11:10-2-4:50-7:40-10:30 Tue 2-4:50-7:40-10:30
Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull (PG) Fri 2:05-4:45-7:30-10:20 Sat-Sun 11:20-2:05-4:45-7:30-10:20 Mon 11:20-2:05-4:45-7:30-10:20 Tue 2:05-4:45-7:30-10:20
Iron Man (PG) Fri-Tue 1:15-4:15-7:15-10:15
Kismat Konnection (PG) Fri-Tue 12-3:15-6:30-9:45
Kit Kittredge: An American Girl (G) Fri 1:20-3:45 Sat-Sun 11-1:20-3:45 Mon 11-1:20-3:45 Tue 1:20-3:45
Kung Fu Panda (PG) Fri-Tue 12:30-2:45-5-7:15-9:30
The Love Guru (14A) Fri-Tue 6:05-8:15-10:30
Mamma Mia! (PG) Fri 12:15-1-2-2:45-3:30-4:30-5:15-6-7-7:45-8:30-9:30-10:15 Sat-Sun 11:30-12:15-1-2-2:45-3:30-4:30-5:15-6-7-7:45-8:30-9:30-10:15 Mon 11:30-12:15-1-2-2:45-3:30-4:30-5:15-6-7-7:45-8:30-9:30-10:15 Tue 12:15-1-2-2:45-3:30-4:30-5:15-6-7-7:45-8:30-9:30-10:15
Mongol (14A) Fri 2:05-4:45-7:35-10:25 Sat-Sun 11:25-2:05-4:45-7:35-10:25 Mon 11:25-2:05-4:45-7:35-10:25 Tue 2:05-4:45-7:35-10:25
Sex and the City (18A) Fri-Tue 1:20-4:20-7:20-10:20
Singh Is Kinng (STC) Special Engagement Thu 8
Space Chimps (G) Fri 1-3-5-6:55-9 Sat-Sun 11:05-1-3-5-6:55-9 Mon 11:05-1-3-5-6:55-9 Tue 1-3-5-6:55-9
Swing Vote (PG) Special Engagement Fri 1:40-2:25-4:20-5:05-7-7:45-9:40-10:25 Special Engagement Sat-Sun 11-11:45-1:40-2:25-4:20-5:05-7-7:45-9:40-10:25 Special Engagement Mon 11-11:45-1:40-2:25-4:20-5:05-7-7:45-9:40-10:25 Special Engagement Tue 1:40-2:25-4:20-5:05-7-7:45-9:40-10:25
The Wackness (14A) Special Engagement Fri-Tue 12:45-3:10-5:30-7:50-10:10
The X-Files: I Want to Believe (14A) Special Engagement Fri 12:30-2:10-2:55-4:35-5:20-7:05-7:50-9:25-10:10 Special Engagement Sat-Sun 11:45-12:30-2:10-2:55-4:35-5:20-7:05-7:50-9:25-10:10 Special Engagement Mon 11:45-12:30-2:10-2:55-4:35-5:20-7:05-7:50-9:25-10:10 Tue 12:30-2:10-2:55-4:35-5:20-7:05-7:50-9:25-10:10

WOODSIDE CINEMAS
1571 Sandhurst Circle, 416-299-3456

Kismat Konnection (PG) Fri 4 Sat-Mon 12-9 Tue-Wed 9:30
Kuselan (STC) Fri 3:30-7-10:30 Sat-Mon 12:15-3:30-7-10:30 Tue-Thu 3:30-7-10:30
Mission Istaanbul (STC) Fri 7:15 Sat-Mon 4 Tue-Wed 7:15
Money Hai Toh Honey Hai (PG) Fri 9:45 Sat-Mon 6:45 Tue-Wed 4
Singh Is Kinng (STC) Thu 3:30-6:30-9:30

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Peel Region

COLISEUM 10
309 Rathburn Rd., 905-275-3456

The Dark Knight (14A) No Passes Fri-Sun 11:45-12:30-1-3:30-4-4:30-7-7:30-8-10:30-11-11:30 No Passes Mon-Tue 11:45-12:30-1-3:30-4-4:30-7-7:30-8-10:30-11 No Passes Wed-Thu 11:45-12:30-3:30-4-7-7:30-10:30-11
The Dark Knight: The IMAX Experience (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 12-3:20-6:45-10
Hancock (PG) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:40-6:30-9:20
Hellboy II: The Golden Army (14A) Fri-Sat 12:10-3-6:50-9:50 Sun 12:10-3-6:50-9:55 Mon-Thu 12:10-3-6:50-9:50
Journey to the Center of the Earth (PG) Fri-Thu 11:50-2:20-5-7:40-10:40
Kung Fu Panda (PG) Fri-Thu 12:40-3:45-6:20
The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 1:10-4:20-7:20-10:20 No Passes Fri-Thu 12:20-3:10-6:40-9:40
Pineapple Express (18A) No Passes Wed-Thu 1-4:15-7:15-10:35
WALL-E (G) Fri-Thu 11:30-2-4:45-7:45-10:15
Wanted (18A) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:10-7:10-10:10
The X-Files: I Want to Believe (14A) Fri-Tue 1:30-4:40-7:50-9-10:45 Wed 4:40-7:50-9-10:45 Thu 1:30-4:40-7:50-9-10:45 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1

COURTNEY PARK 16
110 Courtney Park Dr., 905-362-1210

The Dark Knight (14A) Fri 12:45-1:30-2:15-3:30-4:15-5-5:45-7-7:45-8:30-9:15-10:30-11:15 Sat-Sun 11-12:45-1:30-2:15-3:30-4:15-5-5:45-7-7:45-8:30-9:15-10:30-11:15 Mon 11-12:45-1:30-2:15-3:30-4:15-5-5:45-7-7:45-8:30-9:15-10:30 Tue 12:45-1:30-2:15-3:30-4:15-5-5:45-7-7:45-8:30-9:15-10:30 Wed-Thu 12:45-1:30-2:15-4:15-5-5:45-7:45-8:30-9:15
Get Smart (PG) Fri-Tue 12:20
Hancock (PG) Fri 2:05-4:30-7:05-9:35 Sat-Sun 11:30-2:05-4:30-7:05-9:35 Mon 11:30-2:05-4:30-7:05-9:35 Tue-Thu 2:05-4:30-7:05-9:35
Hellboy II: The Golden Army (14A) Fri 1:50-4:40-7:40-10:35 Sat-Sun 11:05-1:50-4:40-7:40-10:35 Mon 11:05-1:50-4:40-7:40-10:35 Tue-Thu 1:50-4:40-7:40-10:35
Journey to the Center of the Earth (PG) Fri-Thu 12:10-2:40-5:10-7:55-10:20
Mamma Mia! (PG) Fri 1:40-4:20-7:10-10 Sat-Sun 11:10-1:40-4:20-7:10-10 Mon 11:10-1:40-4:20-7:10-10 Tue-Thu 1:40-4:20-7:10-10
The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor (PG) Special Engagement Fri 1:20-2:10-4:10-5-7-7:50-9:50-10:40 Special Engagement Sat-Sun 11:20-1:20-2:10-4:10-5-7-7:50-9:50-10:40 Special Engagement Mon 11:20-1:20-2:10-4:10-5-7-7:50-9:50-10:40 Special Engagement Tue-Thu 1:20-2:10-4:10-5-7-7:50-9:50-10:40
Pineapple Express (18A) Special Engagement Tue 12:01 Special Engagement Wed-Thu 1-2-3:45-4:45-6:30-7:30-9:15-10:15
The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants 2 (PG) Special Engagement Wed-Thu 1:05-4:05-7:25-10:25
Space Chimps (G) Fri-Tue 12:05-2:20-4:35
Step Brothers (14A) Special Engagement Fri 1:15-2-3:45-4:45-6:15-7:15-8:45-9:45-11:15 Special Engagement Sat-Sun 11:40-1:15-2-3:45-4:45-6:15-7:15-8:45-9:45-11:15 Mon 11:40-1:15-2-3:45-4:45-6:15-7:15-8:45-9:45 Tue-Thu 1:15-2-3:45-4:45-6:15-7:15-8:45-9:45
Swing Vote (PG) Special Engagement Fri-Thu 1:25-4:25-7:20-10:10
WALL-E (G) Fri-Tue 12:15-2:50-5:20
Wanted (18A) Fri-Tue 8-10:45
The X-Files: I Want to Believe (14A) Special Engagement Fri-Sun 12-2:45-5:30-7:30-8:15-10:15-11 Mon-Tue 12-2:45-5:30-7:30-8:15-10:15 Wed-Thu 12-2:45-5:30-8:15

GATEWAY 6 BRAMPTON
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The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian (PG) Fri-Sun 3:50-6:45-9:40 Mon-Thu 4-7
Dr. Seuss' Horton Hears a Who! (G) Fri-Sun 4:10-6:50-9 Mon-Thu 4:10-6:50
Harold & Kumar Escape From Guantanamo Bay (18A) Fri-Sun 4:50-7:30-9:45 Mon-Thu 4:50-7:40
The Incredible Hulk (PG) Fri-Sun 4:20-7:20-10 Mon-Thu 4:30-7:20
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The Incredible Hulk (PG) Fri-Tue 1:30-4:20-7:20-10 Wed-Thu 10
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Meet Dave (PG) Fri-Tue 10:15
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Space Chimps (G) Fri-Thu 12-2:30-5-7:50
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Lucas experiences Side Effects

Actor Josh Lucas has been signed to star in the new Tim Robbins series Possible Side Effects. The Showtime drama, which will be shot in New York, revolves around three brothers with a family run pharmaceutical company. EW.COM

Arrested 'Maria' judge terminated

Musical supervisor Simon Lee will not be involved in the Toronto stage version of The Sound of Music in the wake of his recent arrest.

Lee, a longtime associate of theatre guru Andrew Lloyd Webber, was a judge on the CBC-TV reality show How Do You Solve a Problem Like Maria? which aimed to find a performer to star as governess Maria von Trapp in the upcoming theatrical production.

Just hours after the show crowned a winner Monday night, word broke that Lee had been charged with assault and forcible confinement.

London-based communications firm Brown Lloyd James later issued a statement about Lee's involvement in the Toronto stage show on behalf of Webber's the Really Useful Group Ltd.

"Simon is a very talented person who is extremely important to us. However, on this occasion we felt it was necessary to seek the termination of his engagement on The Sound of Music in Toronto," said the statement.

Simon Lee

"The alleged events are subject to legal proceedings and, therefore, we can't comment further."

Lee, 46, was arrested on Sunday night in a hotel in Toronto's trendy Yorkville district.

Toronto police said the arrest was made after a man in his 20s complained he was assaulted in a room and prevented from leaving.

Lee was absent from the show's final two episodes, during the last of which Elicia MacKenzie of Surrey, B.C., won the treasured role. At the time, show officials said Lee was away due to personal reasons.

Lee's next court appearance is reportedly set for Aug. 27.

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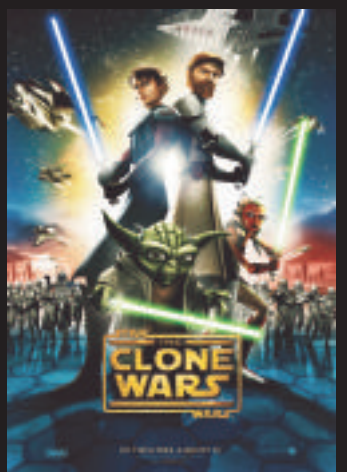

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8/1/08 primetime	265	353	2 TVO	Around the World		The Agenda With Steve Paikin		Heartbeat		Allan Gregg	Film 101	Agenda-Paikin
	211	331	3 GTV	ET Canada	Entertainment	Very Bad Men		NUMB3RS (HDTV)		Friday Night Lights		News (N)
	215	343	4 OMN1	Two/Half Men	The Simpsons	News (N)		Vivere II	News (N)	The Simpsons	King of the Hill	Metropia
	210	302	6 CBC	Coronation St.	Laughs	Air Farce Live	Comedy Fest.	MVP-Lives of Hockey Wives		CBC News: The National		The Hour
	214	344	7 CITY	Friends	Hollywood	Biography "Hugh Grant"		Stargate SG-1 (DVS)		The Collector (DVS)		News (N)
	212	313	8 CTV	eTalk	Jeopardy!	Ghost Whisperer (HDTV)		Greek		Without a Trace		News (N)
	218	345	11 E!	The Insider (N)	E News	Greatest Myst.	Greatest Myst.	Dr. 90210		True Hollywood Story		News (N)
	-	387	16 CBS	Inside Edition	Hollywood	Ghost Whisperer (HDTV)		NUMB3RS (HDTV)		Swingtown (HDTV) (N)		News (N)
	-	385	17 NBC	The Insider (N)	Entertainment	Outrageous	Outrageous	Dateline NBC (N)				News (N)
	-	386	18 ABC	Wheel-Fortune	Jeopardy!	Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events (2004)				20/20 (N)		News (N)
	219	346	20 ACH-B	Wheel-Fortune	Degrassi: Next	Jeff Ltd.	Bravo! Fact	Her Fatal Flaw (2006, Suspense) Victoria Pratt. (DVS)				News (N)
	-	-	28 FOX	Judge Judy	Two/Half Men	The Fog ★★ (2005, Horror) Tom Welling, Selma Blair.				Seinfeld	Two/Half Men	The Simpsons
	-	388	61 PBS	News-Lehrer	Summer Wine	That's Entertainment! ★★★ (1974, Musical) Fred Astaire, Bing Crosby.					Wash. Week	Business Rpt.
news	500	500	33 CNN	Lou Dobbs Tonight		CNN Election Center		Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360 (HDTV)		
sports	405	417	22 net	European Poker Tour		MLB Baseball Toronto Blue Jays at Texas Rangers. (HDTV) (Live)						Sportsnet Con.
	400	400	30 TSN	CFL Football Winnipeg Blue Bombers at Toronto Argonauts. (HDTV) (Live)						WTA Tennis: Rogers Cup -- Quarterfinals		
family	551	542	25 YTV	King of the Camp (2008, Musical) Justin Stadnyk, Tom Knight.				The Next Star "12 to 6"		Falcon Beach "Tidal"		15/Love
	554	544	45 TEL	George-Jungle	Merrie Melody	Loonatics	6teen	Total Drama	Futurama	Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles III (1992)		
	556	540	51 FAM	Wizards-Place	Disney Games	The Cheetah Girls 2 (2006) Raven.				(9:36) The Rookie ★★★ (2002, Drama) Dennis Quaid.		
cable variety	615	520	31 A&E	CSI: Miami "Rap Sheet"		CSI: Miami "Darkroom"		CSI: Miami (HDTV)		The Cleaner (HDTV)		Criminal Minds
	575	583	38 CMT	Chevy Cross Canada Countdown (N)				Reba	Hope & Faith	Home Improve.	Roseanne	Dedicated (N)
	616	521	39 SHO	ReGenesis "The End"		Cold Squad (Part 2 of 2)		Kenny-Spenny	Kenny-Spenny	Webdreams	Webdreams	Sin Cities
	294	529	47 TBS	Family Guy	MLB Baseball Milwaukee Brewers at Atlanta Braves. From Turner Field in Atlanta.						Family Guy	Seinfeld
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	300	601	301 M1	(7:15) Dragon Wars ★ (2007, Action) Jason Behr.				The Invasion ★★ (2007, Science Fiction) Nicole Kidman.				The Hitcher ★

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8/2/08 primetime	265	353	2 TVO	Bear Island		Mr. Deeds Goes to Town ★★★★ (1936, Comedy)				The Interviews	(10:25) Local Hero (1983)	
	211	331	3 GTV	Andromeda "The Test"		Largo Winch		Andromeda		renegadepress	renegadepress	News (N)
	215	343	4 OMN1	Na Luzie		Svitohliad	Yak Bulo Kolis	Russian Waves		The Hero and the Queen		MADtv
	210	302	6 CBC	WTA Tennis U.S. Open Series -- Rogers Cup -- Semifinals. (HDTV) (Live)						Wimbledon ★★ (2004, Romance-Comedy) Kirsten Dunst.		
	214	344	7 CITY	Stargate Atlantis (DVS)		Murdoch Mysteries "Power"		Lunch With Charles ★★ (2001, Romance-Comedy) (DVS)				News (N)
	212	313	8 CTV	W-FIVE Presents: Confessions of an Innocent Man				Flashpoint (HDTV)		Comedy Now	Comedy Inc.	News (N)
	218	345	11 E!	Weekend	Be Real	The Last Trimester (2006, Suspense) Chandra West.				Inside Hollywood		Guy Stuff
	-	387	16 CBS	Paid Program	Paid Program	The Unit (HDTV)		Flashpoint (HDTV)		48 Hours Mystery		News (N)
	-	385	17 NBC	Tee 2 Green	The Insider (N)	The Office	The Office	Saturday Night's Main Event		Law & Order: Criminal Intent		News (N)
	-	386	18 ABC	Paid Program	Paid Program	Wipeout		Wipeout		Eli Stone (HDTV)		News
	219	346	20 ACH-B	FashionTele	Grand Star	Missing (DVS)		Law & Order: SVU		Eli Stone (HDTV)		News (N)
	-	-	28 FOX	Martin	Paid Program	Cops (N)	Cops	America's Most Wanted		The Simpsons	The Simpsons	MADtv
	-	388	61 PBS	All Creatures Great and Small		Ballykissangel		Sherlock Holmes		Cadfael "One Corpse Too Many"		
news	500	500	33 CNN	Lou Dobbs This Week (HDTV)		Special Investigations		Larry King Live		Newsroom		Investigations
sports	405	417	22 net	Sportsnet Connected		MLB Baseball Toronto Blue Jays at Texas Rangers. (HDTV) (Live)						Sportsnet Con.
	400	400	30 TSN	SportsCentre	CFL Pregame	CFL Football Saskatchewan Roughriders at Calgary Stampeders. (HDTV) (Live)						SportsCentre
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	554	544	45 TEL	Chaotic	Johnny Test	Chop Socky	6teen	Total Drama	Futurama	Robot Chicken	Rick & Steve	Tripping-Rift
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Caribana

Star-studded affair

Akon, left, is rumoured to be appearing at the Dangerous Caribana All Star Celebrity Affair at Circa Nightclub on Sunday. Other celebrities include Kardinall Offishall, Vivica Fox and Estelle. From 10 p.m.-4 a.m. 126 John St. For more, call 416-833-6154. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Keeping the beat

Thousands expected to march to drums tomorrow

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On Canadian soil, Caribana's roots go back to the summer of 1967, when Toronto's 10,000 citizens of Caribbean descent threw a massive party on Olympic Island.

But the two-week festival of Caribbean music, costume and dance has historical roots that go far deeper — right back to Africa.

LUCAS OLENIUK/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

For proof, look no further than the drums that will reverberate down Lake Shore Boulevard tomorrow.

"[Drums are] really an aspect of our culture, the fact that we came from our motherland," says artist and activist Joan Butterfield, curator of Roots To Rhythm, Caribana's exhibition of paintings by African-Canadians at the Royal Ontario Museum that runs to Aug. 4. "We were born to the rhythm of the African drum."

The festival gives Caribbean people a chance to celebrate their culture, even though they're in Canada, says Scotiabank Caribana Festival publicist Alicia Sealey.

"It reminds us Caribbean people of our home ... and it brings a lot of us together from all over the continent," she says. "Each culture celebrates themselves even though they live abroad, that's exactly what we're doing."

There are 15 competing bands involved in the parade this year — eight of them are considered large bands, or category A bands, five are medium bands, or category B bands and two new bands are category C.

Category A bands average about 1,000 people in costume per group and category B bands have 250-300. As the final two bands are new, the numbers haven't yet been determined. In total, there will be about 11,000-12,000 people in costume on the day of the parade.

"Every carnival band has to have a theme that is suitable of the carnival culture, and history is a great place for a theme," Sealey says. "To the untrained eye, you may just see a cacophony of colour and noise, and not realize that there's actually a theme ... but there is, and [the bands] get judged on that and the authenticity of the theme."

While Caribana represents the cultures of a diverse group of Caribbean countries, it has strong ties to the Carnival traditions of Trinidad and Tobago. Celebrated two days before Ash Wednesday, at the beginning of the Catholic period of self-denial called Lent, carnival means "farewell to the flesh" — ironic considering the amount of flesh on display during a Caribana parade.

"The Carnival comes out of the African slave community in Trinidad," explains Rita Cox, former head of the Parkdale branch of the Toronto Public Library, who fondly remembers Carnival from her girlhood in Trinidad.

"The costumes and other celebrations stemmed from the mimicking of the French aristocrats who once were the rulers of the country." WITH FILES FROM TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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The Caribana parade, which takes place tomorrow, promises to be just as exciting as last year's.

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Shawn Nicholson, 13, participates in the junior parade.

Children join party

The Junior Caribana parade is meant to introduce children to the traditions of Toronto's Caribana. On July 19, an estimated 1,500 elaborately costumed children participated in 15 "masquerade bands."

Each mas was led by a sound truck blasting island dance music, and each featured king and queen masqueraders wheeling magnificent costumes that appeared to spray upward and outward from their cores.

"I sacrificed my summer for this and it's worth it," said Vaughn Shears, 13, king of the band Carnival Nationz.

"It's all about social cohesion," said Caribana chair Joe Halstead. "The kids get to participate in the spirit of Caribana." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Eating spicy food a key part of celebration

AMANDA TRUSCOTT
for Metro Canada

When it comes to Caribbean food, the spices make the dish.

"We have a lot of spices we use, and they have very strong flavours, and it just makes the food very exciting. Of course, most of the time it's very hot as well, because we use a lot of pepper stuff," says Joan Pierre, the event planner for Caribana's Roots To Rhythm art exhibition.

For those who shy away from spicy food, Pierre recommends trying a dish called pelau, made of caramelized chicken with rice and peas.

"Pelau is easy for you to try. Now, with jerk, you can get different levels of the heat. If you can't take hot, then be careful with the jerk," she says.

Jerk is a spice mixture that relies heavily on scotch bonnet peppers and pimento. Other common ingredients are cloves, cinnamon, scallions, nutmeg, garlic and thyme.

Sean Taylor, who caters several events for Caribana, says he tries to make his dishes as authentic as possible. For last night's King and Queen competition, he was planning to make Caribbean crab cakes with chipotle, sweet chili and orange basil sauce. He'll bring smoked salmon with mango papaya, red onions and pickled ginger. And, he adds, "There's always something jerk on the menu, so there's a jerk shrimp with a ginger beer dip."

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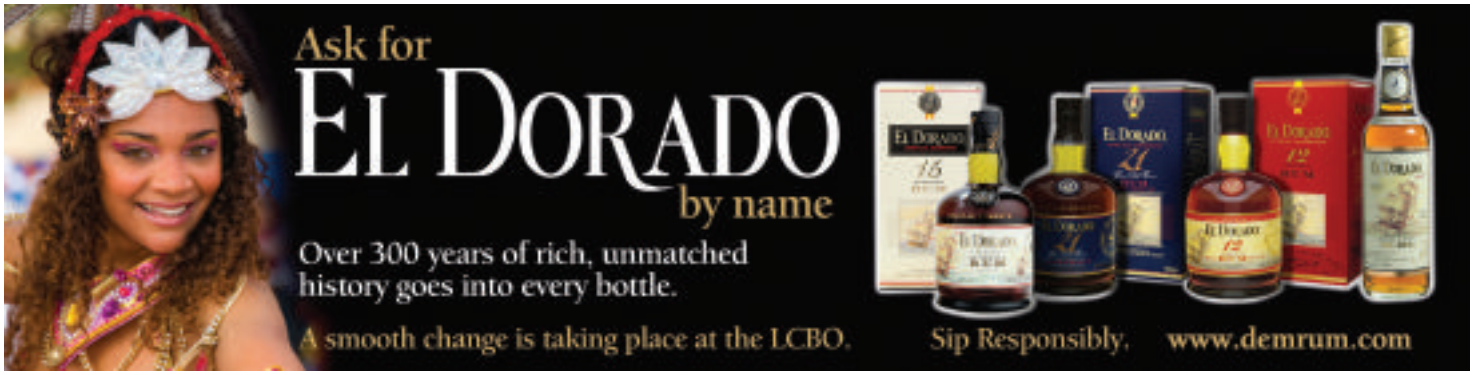
Jerk spice mixture relies heavily on scotch bonnet peppers.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The men – and women – of steel

Twelve bands to battle for bragging rights at tonight's Pan Alive steelband show

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Like her peers, Wendy Jones is ready for musical vengeance.

Her steelpan band, Pan Fantasy, tied for runner-up position at last year's Pan Alive contest. This year with the group's program Musical Vengeance, an arrangement featuring Anselm Douglas, singer of Who Let The Dogs Out, the bandleader plans for her more-than-70-player orchestra to reclaim the mantle of best steelband at the showcase going tonight at Lamport Stadium from 7 p.m. to midnight. It was a title they owned for two consecutive years and lost to Dollard Des Ormeaux, Que.'s Salah Steelpan Academy.

"We're in full flight. We are ready," she said. "We're still the reigning champs as far as I'm concerned, but we want first place at the competition and to lead the pack once again. We have a legacy that reigns. But we're excited to play anyway, even if we don't win."

She faces some tough competition. Twelve bands will take to the field to vie for the Scotiabank Pan Alive Trophy and bragging rights as the best steelband in the province. The groups will play an eight-minute calypso arrangement, followed by a six-minute non-calypso, ranging from pop, R&B or jazz, called a bomb.

Among Pan Fantasy's rivals will be Scarborough-based steelband Panatics, led by secretary and co-founder of the Ontario Steelpan Association (OSA) H. Ian Jones. He hopes his group can improve last year's mid-table score with his new arrangement, Hooked, but he's not worried if the band doesn't.

"The main thing is that you enjoy yourself," he said. "Sure, there's a competition, but I always tell the kids, 'There are two things you can control in anything, and this is life: You can control your preparation and your performance. You don't control anything else. If the judges like what you do, that's a bonus."

The steelpan is a useful tool to unite not only Caribbean cultures, but ethnicities worldwide, both Joneses agree. The arrangements are as diverse as the people who play them. A steelband doesn't care about what you look like, how old you are or if you're in a competing band, they say, you just have to love the music.

"It's not just for West Indian kids. There's something for every nationality. It's a big thing for us," Wendy said. "As for the competition, well, we're friends throughout the year until the day. You might jokingly tease them if you do better, but it's all fun. We're all very close-knit."

On the web

- For more information, visit clubcrawlers.com/CaribanaToronto/event_010/pan.php

COURTESY OF WENDY JONES

Pan Fantasy is aiming for top spot at the Pan Alive steelband showcase tonight at Lamport Stadium.

BRIAN TOWIE/METRO TORONTO

A member of Scarborough-based Panatics rehearses for tonight's steelband showcase.

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H. Ian Jones, right, helps his band Panatics through a rehearsal.

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events

SCOTIABANK CARIBANA PARADE: The colour and pageantry starts at Exhibition Place and continues west along Lake Shore Blvd. W. Free. All ages. Sat., 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Full info at caribanafestival.com.

CARNIVAL IN YUH BACKYARD: This Caribana party features more than 30 performers of reggae, soca and calypso tunes and sells out each year. Bella Gardens, 12700 Jane St., Woodbridge. $40. 19+. 416-833-6154. Sat., 7 p.m.-5 a.m.

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A costume from last year's Caribana parade. ASHLEY HUTCHESON/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Soulpepper founder Albert Schultz, left, and actor Gordon Pinsent.

Theatre philanthropist, Robin Young, left, and Marilyn Baillie.

ABOVE LEFT: Soulpepper associate producer Liza Paul.
ABOVE RIGHT: Soulpepper director of marketing Belinda Bale.

Theatre supporters Yvonne Fleck and David Fleck.

THEATRE PATRONS put on their best as they marked Soulpepper Theatre's 10th anniversary at the Young Centre for the Performing Arts in the Distillery District. The outdoor, tent-covered garden party soirée brought out founder Albert Schultz and actors alike.

LEFT: Soulpepper director of development Mary Koutsoubos.

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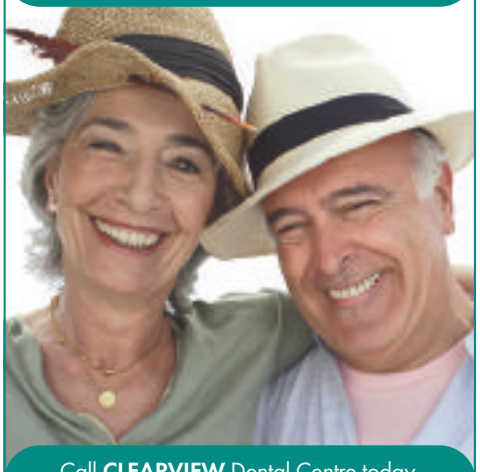

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Going Out

Stereotypes, pfft

Does It Offend You, Yeah? focuses on shows

BRIAN COULTON
for Metro Canada

Some British bands follow a norm, says Morgan Quaintance. They traverse the stage, look kind of crazy, ask the audience 20 questions and then they go off, later seen in the tabloids hanging out with Kelly Osbourne.

"I don't want to hang out with Kelly Osbourne, d'you know what I mean?" says Quaintance. He's the vocal, synth-playing guitarist quarter of Does It Offend You, Yeah?, the difficult-to-define dance-rock-electro-punk band from Reading, England.

He says they prefer seeing what they can get out of live shows and trying to play better to satiating star stereotypes. "It's about having an edge where something can happen or go wrong — not necessarily something we try — it's just that we can redo it another way."

Quaintance says Does It Offend You, Yeah? urge to portray a tangible grittiness, given to audiences through their interactive performances. While this allows them not to circulate with the mainstream, they remain just as antagonistic toward their more alternative comparisons like danceable duos Justice and MGMT.

"I wouldn't really say they were bands. I wouldn't even say they were a live act in the traditional sense of the word. They're really just a couple of DJs," he says. What he says separates DIOYY from such parallels is their involvement with their audience.

"That's what differentiates us from a lot of bands because a lot of bands still function behind that fourth wall; they go into their groove and they're just on stage, play four tracks and they're off."

While he says the bands may be good, Quaintance maintains a lack of familiarity changes their physicality as a band entirely. "I want people to feel like they know us and to have an ownership of what we do as a band. The quicker people know that, the quicker that fourth wall dissolves and it just becomes a big party."

DIOYY's idea of a party starts with watching vintage WWF footage, pre-show, and presenting themselves as Quaintance paints, "Four guys giving our reactions to everything from Jerry Springer to Joan Rivers." Their only challenge: Keeping up their high-energy performance level.

"When people expect that from you, then they know it has to be a certain way or they can't see you. People who come to see us want to see us connect with the band and have that experience. They generally don't want to just stand there."

In concert

Does It Offend You, Yeah? plays Toronto's Drake Hotel on Aug. 4.

Metro's 7th Heaven: Metro taps what's hot right now

1 Life With My Sister Madonna, by Christopher Ciccone and Wendy Leigh

She's one of the world's most popular entertainers, and amid rumours of marital strife comes a biography of Madonna by her younger brother, Christopher Ciccone. Readers have panned Ciccone as coming across in Life With My Sister Madonna as whiny and carrying a sense of entitlement, but fans of the pop star will no doubt devour the book, written with Wendy Leigh, for its details — who knew she was frugal?

2 Flats

Flats are stepping back into the spotlight for this fall/winter season, femalefirst.co.uk reports. Moccasins and structured loafers are forecast to kick skyscraper heels aside for more sure-footed fashion.

3 Irie Music Festival

The Irie Music Festival takes over Queen's Park and Nathan Phillips Square today through Monday with food, dance, vendors, live music and art exhibitions celebrating Caribbean culture. Admission is free!

4 The Hills: The Complete Third Season

This DVD box set of the third season of the popular reality TV show The Hills, featuring the lives, loves and dramas of Lauren Conrad, Heidi Montag, Whitney Port and Audrina Partridge, hit stores on Tuesday. The package includes interviews, commentary, deleted scenes and more.

5 Disturbia, by Rihanna

In her new video for the song Disturbia, Rihanna lets fans discover her dark side. The video plunges viewers into a strange universe that would rival one populated by shock rocker Marilyn Manson.

6 Patrick Swayze

Kudos to actor Patrick Swayze for living life — he stepped out earlier this week to film the A&E series The Beast, his first acting gig since he was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer earlier this year. No disease keeps Swayze in the corner.

7 Hollywood twin boom

Actress Angelina Jolie just delivered fraternal twins, now comes news actress Rebecca Romijn is expecting a duo this winter. Singer-actress Jennifer Lopez welcomed Max and Emme earlier this year, as well. Is it something in the water?

... and what's not:

Ring-a-ding

Shayne Lamas, former fiancée of The Bachelor: London Calling's Matt Grant, is keeping the 2.85-carat Tacori diamond-and-platinum engagement ring he gave her on the show's finale. The aspiring actress says it's stored in a glass box. Grant, however, has a point: Why not auction off the ring and give the proceeds to charity? "Why hold onto it? What's the point?" People.com reports him as having said. "It's a symbol of marriage that didn't happen."

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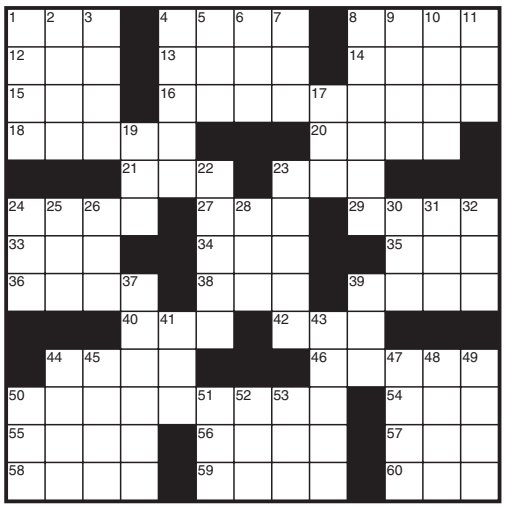
Kardashian pushes for wedding
Hollywood socialite-turned-reality TV star Kim Kardashian is reportedly pressuring her boyfriend, footballer Reggie Bush, to propose — by getting a start on her wedding plans. IMDB.COM

Take Five



Crossword down

1 Bellow
2 Field of study
3 Apron wearer
4 Religious leaders
5 Chest-beater
6 Lemon or clunker
7 Dutch airline
8 Kidnapper's demand
9 Yachting
10 Lapp neighbor
11 Trim a doily
17 Long sigh
19 Install tile
22 Derrick or crane
23 Shrink back
24 Irritate
25 Bilk
26 Garden-pond fish
28 Ewe's plaint
30 Get more mellow
31 Hawaii's Mauna —
32 Catch some rays
37 Bull's-eye
39 "Bien" opposite
41 Highest degree
43 Doggerel
44 Hourly pay
45 Ayla's creator
47 Write with acid
48 Ibsen heroine
49 Prolific auth.
50 Buffet standby
51 Prize marble
52 Fritz, to himself
53 Summer in Savoie

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Crossword across

1 Candied goody
4 Load luggage
8 Ride the rapids
12 Mesozoic, for one
13 October's stone
14 Where Cambodia is
15 Aloha token
16 Salon special
18 King-size spoon
20 Cold — — icicle
21 Blond shade
23 Sci-fi Doctor
24 Yucky
27 Geisha's tie
29 Fountain fare
33 Pooh's pal
34 Woosnam of golf
35 Region of India
36 Do socks
38 Cul-de- —
39 Spiteful
40 Hill builder
42 "The Loco-Motion" girl
44 Bump on a frog
46 Ms. Verdugo
50 More snooty
54 Freight unit
55 Screenwriter James —
56 Takes steps
57 — -Magnon
58 Dissolve
59 Roller coaster cry
60 Leia's rescuer

previous day's answer

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Horoscopes

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MARCH 21-APRIL 20
A timid person is thunderstruck. A man thinks about your special encounter. A stunning story will be told to the wrong person.

TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
A mystical man has the facts committed to memory. Someone is compelled to speak out. Cut-throat analysis works for an official.

GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
You're able to bring things to conclusion. Be amused if accused of being starved for love. A good luck charm brings a major change.

CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
A man's loyalty results in lost sleep. A busybody hides the secrets of the past. Come to the rescue before a quarrel begins.

LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
Getting smart with a rival is asking for trouble. A jerk wants to give advice. Meeting a female does you some good.

VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
When complications mount, make a call. Keep your eyes trained on the future. A marriage is discussed by a reliable person.

LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
A mercenary friend provokes dismay. An exhausting project can ease business pressures. Drastic change is on the way.

SCORPIO
OCT 24- NOV 22
Something drives pushy people to alienate others. Feeling undeserved guilt wastes time. A narcissistic buddy wants to visit with you.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23- DEC 21
Don't deceive anyone, no matter how trivial the matter. An unexpected gift comes in handy. Compassion earns you some points.

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
A man plans to clear the air. An argument will cause heartache. Meeting with a big mouth produces discomfort.

AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
Criticism provokes separation from a friend. Something wrong will be righted. Tell someone of your personal problems.

PISCES
FEB 19-MAR 20
Be there when a friend whimpers. A tongue-tied man mends a broken heart. Poke around in someone's memories for the truth.

Sudoku

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		9	3					

HOW TO PLAY SUDOKU:
The digits 1 through 9 will appear exactly once in each row, each column, and each zone. (A zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine of these zones in the puzzle.) Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same 3x3 zone, or in the same row across the puzzle, or column down the puzzle.

previous day's answer

9	3	6	2	5	7	4	8	1
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3	6	9	1	4	2	8	5	7
7	8	1	6	3	5	9	4	2

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17-21. . . . . Smart
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Jewel duel

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Celebrity Buzz

Ryan, Rachel spark talk of reunion

RELATIONSHIPS Actors Ryan Gosling and Rachel McAdams have sparked speculation they are a couple again, after they were spotted going home together after the actor's recent DJ debut, imdb.com reports.

The former couple met on the set of the 2004 movie The Notebook, and enjoyed a two-year relationship until they split last year.

But the pair fuelled rumours of a reunion after they left Gosling's DJ set at Hollywood's Green Door club together.

Gosling was allegedly heartbroken by the split, previously branding McAdams as "one of the great loves of my life."

He added that his relationship was nothing like that of his Notebook character's union, saying: "Rachel and my love story is a hell of a lot more romantic than that."

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Sarah's united front

RELATIONSHIPS Sarah Jessica Parker and husband Matthew Broderick put up a united front on a night out in New York following allegations he had an affair with a 25-year-old woman, the Daily Mail reports.

The couple emerged from a Midtown restaurant Wednesday night, with Broderick's arm wrapped around his wife as they smiled at photographers.

It's the first time the pair, who have been married for 11 years, have been seen together since a magazine claimed he had a three-month relationship with another woman while she was filming the Sex and the City movie.

One source defended the couple, saying: "They have never had a conventional marriage, but it works for the two of them ... They are so private and hate all this silly gossip."

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celebrity brief

Avril undergoes blond moment

MUSIC Avril Lavigne only hires brown-haired back-up dancers, femalefirst.co.uk reports. The singer insists on being the sole blond on stage when she performs live. "I wanted my girls to look really punk rock, with like, black hair and that's pretty standard for everyone, like Madonna and Mariah Carey," she reportedly said.

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celebrity brief

Katherine not having kids yet

CONTROVERSY Kids for actress Katherine Heigl and new husband Josh Kelley? Not so fast, People.com reports. "It's nothing that we're talking about right now," Lucas said. "We're pretty busy."

Kelley, 28, spent the summer vacationing with Heigl, 29, and touring. Heigl said in March she would like to have children sooner than Kelley — but she agreed that wasting their current career opportunities would be "foolish."

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Britney dating staffer?

RELATIONSHIPS Britney Spears is reportedly dating her bodyguard, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The pop star has been spending nearly every day with former soldier Lee, who has been working full-time for her for six months, and he has even started sleeping at her Los Angeles home.

"Britney and Lee hit it off immediately," a source said. "He is her perfect type. She loves guys who work out and he is in great shape from his days serving in the Israeli Army. He also has a few tattoos, which she loves. They've spent so much time together that one thing led to another and their relationship became physical."

The pair have been on holiday in Mexico together and Lee has been seen dancing around a hotel swimming pool with Spears.

"They've been having a great time. Lee's put a smile on her face," the source added to Britain's The Sun newspaper.

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"This makes no sense at all..."

by Joe O'Neill

Wyclef Jean. It's awful when the bling bling bring brings a lawsuit.

Ryan Gosling and **Rachel McAdams** together again? I hope it's not true.

To me, the seminal lyric in SNL's classic digital short Lazy Sunday is "I love these cupcakes like McAdams loves Gosling."

It takes me back to that time of innocence that was 2005, when the Canadian actors' love was in its first blushing bloom. To attempt to recreate the magic that was late 2005 will more than likely result in an odour not unlike that which is created by reheating cabbage.

Yeah, **Avril Lavigne**, there's nothing more punk than back-up dancers.

Joe Strummer used to go on and on about the importance of back-up dancers and what colour hair they should have.

The Pistols actually broke up after the infamous Winterland Theater concert following an argument over which of the Ernest Flatt dancers they should hire away from the Carol Burnett Show.

That was so punk.

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Rosie applies brakes on blog
Former talk-show host Rosie O'Donnell, whose blog Rosie.com has been fodder for fans and celebrity news outlets in recent years, has decided to stop blogging — for now. "I'll take the month off and then see what it feels like to come back to it," she said. PEOPLE.COM

Celebrity Buzz

Tommy wants to remarry me, Pam says

RELATIONSHIPS Pamela Anderson is said to face a love dilemma every day as her ex-husband Tommy Lee is constantly asking her to marry him, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The former Baywatch star was married to the Motley Crue rocker for three years until they split in 1998.

But despite the split, the pair have been spending a lot of time together recently and are now co-habiting for the sake of their two sons Dylan, 10, and Brandon, 12.

However, it is believed that Lee wants the four of them to be a proper family again, and Anderson has hinted that one day she might just accept his proposal.

"Tommy asks me to marry him every day," she says. "It's very confusing. Marriage is romantic and I get swept up easily."

After two short-lived unions to Kid Rock and film producer Rick Salomon, Anderson admits her heart has always belonged to Lee.

"Tommy is the love of my life. It's a very deep love that grows in all sorts of unexpected ways. It's been the one relationship that's challenged me to the core," she says.

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50 Cent opens up about split from Fox

RELATIONSHIPS 50 Cent has revealed he split up with actress Vivica A. Fox after the actress reportedly hogged the limelight at the 2003 World Music Awards, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The rapper tells Sister 2 Sister magazine that many of the rumours surrounding the split are incorrect, and he dumped Fox when she allegedly took advantage of his generosity at the awards event in Monaco.

50 claims he invited Fox to the awards show as his date and made huge demands to make sure she could be a part of the show — but then she took over and became the event's host.

"She asked me would I mind if she did something on the show, and I said no," he said. "I got on the phone and I told people around me to make her able to present awards or do something. They made her the host. It turned into a business opportunity and it wasn't beneficial for me, so I moved away from it."

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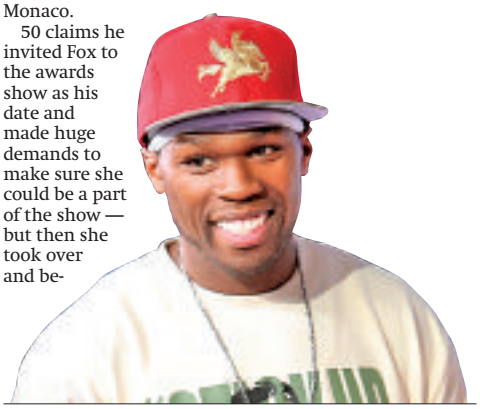

Elizabeth nixes proposal

RELATIONSHIPS Derek Hough and Shannon Elizabeth have been together for only five months, and the 23-year-old pro dancer has already proposed to his Dancing with the Stars partner and live-in love. But hold off on the well wishes — Elizabeth, 34, turned him down, starmagazine.com reports.

"She's enjoying every moment of their romance, but she's not ready to get hitched again," an insider says.

Elizabeth is in the midst of divorcing The Perfect Storm's Joseph Reitman.

Expect Hough to keep trying, adds the source. "He's very persistent and is used to getting his way."

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Mary-Kate leaves Dark Knight

PEOPLE Late movie star Heath Ledger's friend, actress Mary-Kate Olsen, had to leave a weekend screening of The Dark Knight just 20 minutes in because she couldn't bear to see Ledger on the big screen, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The actress reportedly felt sure she'd be OK during the film, but scenes of Ledger as the Joker in the new Batman film upset her too much.

She attended a screening in Century City, Calif., with friends six months to the day of Ledger's death (July 22) but left soon after the film began.

"It got to be too much for her," a friend said. "She wanted to go unnoticed, but people recognized her and started whispering. She felt really weird. Between dealing with Heath onscreen and with everyone around her, she couldn't take it. So she left."

Ledger died from an accidental drug overdose and Olsen was dragged into the riddle surrounding his death when it emerged she was telephoned before emergency services were called to the scene of the tragedy.

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celebrity brief

Karina steps on Bachelor rumour

RELATIONSHIPS Days after she was spotted getting cosy with The Bachelor's Andy Baldwin in Las Vegas, Karina Smirnoff is denying any romance, usmagazine.com reports.

"I'm sure Andy is a cool guy," the dancer said. "However, there is absolutely no truth to any of the rumours."

A witness said the two "were very affectionate" with each other at a hotel resort last weekend. "He made sure he was always touching her."

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celebrity brief

Halle's ex-hubby wishes her well

PEOPLE Actress Halle Berry's ex-husband, Eric Benet, only has nice things to say about her, usmagazine.com reports.

"From the pictures, she looks great," Benet said. "I haven't spoken to her — it's been a few years now — but I'm happy for her."

Benet and Berry, 41, split in 2004 after three years of marriage.

Benet hasn't seen Berry's four-month-old daughter, Nahla, (with model beau Gabriel Aubry) yet, but says, "How could the baby not look good?"

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